

# NAMIBIA NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

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GAN Namibia launched National Apprenticeship Week on 8 November, in partnership with the Namibian Employers' Federation (NEF), GIZ Namibia, Skills Initiative for Africa (SIFA) and the Namibian Training Authority (NTA). For the keynote, Deputy Executive Director in the Ministry of Higher Education, Training and Innovation and Dr Raaimo Naanda conveyed the message that apprentices are being prepped for a diverse job market. Over the course of the week, key players in Namibia's retail, agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, mining and education discussed the importance of apprenticeships, their impact, success and challenges and how it can empower Namibian youth. Miss Namibia 2021, Chelsi Shikongo called on employers in the creative industry to prioritise apprenticeships for youth. The Apprentice of the Year Competition took place on 11 November with awards given to the best apprentices in mining, beauty, manufacturing and tourism.

Sectoral panel discussions were held on 09-10 of November 2021 to discuss the impact of apprenticeships in Namibia, different models of apprenticeships and how they apply to Namibia and how apprenticeships can be improved and strengthened for Namibia. Several employers and training providers had an opportunity to debate and widen the conversation with regards to Apprenticeships in Namibia.

### Apprentice of the Year

On 11 November The final day of the National TVET Apprenticeship Week concluded on Thursday in a glowing ceremony that recognised the efforts of the apprentices, mentors, employers and training providers. Our assignment for 2022 lies ahead of us. We need to elevate and raise the bar. Namibian employers, big and small, and not apprentices, represent the primary target audience of our TVET apprenticeship and engagement drive. Our challenge is that we simply do not have enough apprenticeship opportunities available. The more employers sign up for this programme, the more access we are able to generate. The event was streamed on National Training Authority (NTA), GAN Namibia, NEF, GIZ Namibia social media platforms averaging more than 2000 views per day on Facebook for the duration of Apprenticeship week.

There was immense media coverage from media houses in Namibia such as Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC), New Era, Economist, Good Morning Namibia on NBC, The Namibian and the People's Parliament on NBC Radio all provided coverage of the event.





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