



**Republic of Namibia
Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade**

**Launch of the conclusion of the Final IUMP Beneficiaries under the SADC TRF
Programme**

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Ms Gwen Finis and Mr. Wilfred Holze (IUMP Beneficiaries)
IUMP beneficiaries Present
Members of the Media
Invited Guests
Ladies and Gentleman Good Afternoon

1. The Industrial Upgrading and Modernisation Programme (IUMP) grant scheme was designed to enhance productivity and competitiveness of selected firms, focusing on firm level diagnosis and implementation of supply-side and regional value chain interventions.
2. The IUMP is an agenda of the Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade (MIT), aimed at improving production and supply capacity, efficiency and competitiveness of Namibian owned manufacturing firms. This programme was realised through the SADC Trade Related Facility project.
3. The IUMP was established as a national extension of the sub-regional IUMP for the Southern African Development Community (SADC), with the objectives to; improve the competitiveness of local industries; contribute to the strengthening of industrial capacities of Namibian Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs); diversify national value-addition; enhance capacities for job creation; support efforts that reduce poverty and to achieve long-term presence in the international marketplace.

4. The programme provides targeted support in areas such as diagnostic studies and upgrading plans; supply and value chain analysis and management; technical training and coaching; product and market development, standards and quality management of new operations and maintenance techniques in the production cycle; production costs analysis; product upgrading; quality control and organizing production lines among others.
5. The IUMP's Industry grant scheme was set out to ameliorate Namibia's level of Industrialisation by targeting 11 growth sectors. Namely; Game Meat and value added Wildlife products ; Hides, Skins, Leather and Wool products; Metal Fabrication; Charcoal and other value added bush products; Gemstones and Jewellery; Cosmetics and Pharmaceuticals; Fish processing and value added Blue Economy products; Forest related manufacturing (inclusive of Handicrafts); Agro-Horticultural food processing; Dimension Stones processing and the Refrigeration & Air-conditioning (RAC) Sector.
6. The SADC Trade Related Facility (TRF) assisted the Industrial Upgrading and Modernisation Programme (IUMP) with the awarding of industry grants to qualifying enterprises. 45 companies were awarded assistance out of 298 applicants to the tune of approximately N\$10 million.

The distribution is as follows;

SECTOR	# of Awardees
Game Meat and value added Wildlife products	1
Hides, Skins, Leather and Wool products	1
Metal Fabrication	9
Charcoal and other value added bush products	6
Gemstones and Jewellery	2
Cosmetics and Pharmaceuticals	5
Agro-Horticultural food processing	12
Dimension Stones processing	3
Refrigeration & Air-conditioning (RAC) Sector.	1

No. of Business Owners

11 Females

25 Males

8 Both

Regions

Regional Numbers
Khomas (10)
Erongo (4)
Karas (0)
Hardap (1)
Otjozondjupa (4)
Omusati (4)
Ohangwena (2)
Oshikoto (3)
Omaheke (2)
Kunene (3)
Zambezi (1)
Kavango West (1)
Kavango East (0)
Oshana (8)

I thank you and I wish all beneficiaries the best of luck as we will continuously find avenues to assist our sectors