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Ministry of Environment & Tourism



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CONCEPT NOTE: High Level Climate Finance Awareness Raising Event, Windhoek, Namibia

Rationale: This high-level cocktail event will be hosted by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) at the Hilton hotel on 13 August 2014 from 17:30 – 20:00. The event aims to raise awareness on climate change related challenges for Namibia and climate finance opportunities, specifically with the view to the Green Climate Fund (GCF); present ongoing MET activities on climate finance, including the National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (NCCSAP), and thereby garner support for these activities across national institutions; and foster interactions between event participants to improve coordination among climate-finance actors. Based on the CF Ready activity, this high level event also aims to garner support for climate finance relevant activities by MET, including CF Ready supported measures among senior level representatives and decision makers of different Ministries and public institutions.

The GIZ CF Ready Program is also currently supporting two other activities in Namibia:

- 1) NDA/Focal Point Capacity Building; and
- 2) Strengthening institutional coordination in order to integrate climate change into national planning and budgeting.

Short summary on the proposed event agenda: The event will have three brief speeches of approximately 15 minutes, in the form of the following:

- (a) Opening remarks by Honourable Minister, and MP, Mr. Uahekua Herunga, Minister of Environment and Tourism; as well as a summary of the Namibia CF related activities of the MET;
- (b) An overview of the relevance of climate change and financing of climate-related activities in Namibia, by Professor Dr. Oliver Ruppel, professor of law at the University of Stellenbosch and Lead Author of the IPCC African report; and
- (c) The challenges and opportunities of climate finance, especially through the Green Climate Fund, a fund which makes provisions for funding of climate readiness activities, highlighting the institutional requirements from the different funds, by Ms. Chantal Naidoo, Senior Associate of E3Gs International Climate Finance Programme based in South Africa.

The speeches will be followed by a moderated Panel Discussion of approximately 45 minutes to discuss the challenges and opportunities of international climate finance including the Green Climate Fund. This event will be moderated by, Dr Juliane Zeidler of the Integrated Environmental Consultants Namibia.

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