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Transforming Ports into Classrooms for
Namibia's Future Maritime Workforce

IAPH WPSP Theme: Community Building

Submitted by: Namibian Ports Authority - Namport





Project summary

Namport Maritime Week is a national community-building and youth-development initiative established by the Namibian Ports Authority in 2022 to bridge the gap between Namibia's ports and the communities they serve. The programme exposes learners, teachers and the wider public to the maritime, logistics, transport and blue economy sectors through port open days, guided port tours, career exhibitions, industry demonstrations, national debating competitions, educational activities and engagement with maritime professionals.

The project responds to a clear national challenge: while Namibia's economy depends heavily on port logistics, many young Namibians, particularly those from inland regions, have limited direct exposure to ports, maritime careers and the role of the logistics sector in national and regional development. Namport manages Namibia's two commercial seaports, Walvis Bay and Lüderitz, and serves local and cross-border trade through corridors linking Namibia to SADC markets including Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Angola, South Africa and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Launched under the Namport Social Investment Fund, the Maritime Week has grown from an inaugural open-port initiative that attracted approximately 800 learners in 2022 into Namport's flagship CSR initiative, reaching all 14 regions of Namibia and engaging more than 3,000 visitors during the inaugural Maritime Week. Since inception, more than 2,200 participants joined guided port tours annually; deepening public understanding of port operations and maritime career opportunities.

Through this initiative, Namport is transforming its ports into learning platforms, strengthening port-community relationships, promoting inclusive education, inspiring future maritime professionals and contributing to Namibia's long-term logistics and blue economy ambitions.



About Namport and strategic context

The Namibian Ports Authority was established in 1994 under the Namibian Ports Authority Act and is mandated to manage and exercise control over port operations, lighthouses and navigational aids, provide port facilities and services, and conduct its business according to sound commercial principles. Namport manages the Port of Walvis Bay and the Port of Lüderitz, which are strategic gateways for Namibia and the wider Southern African region.

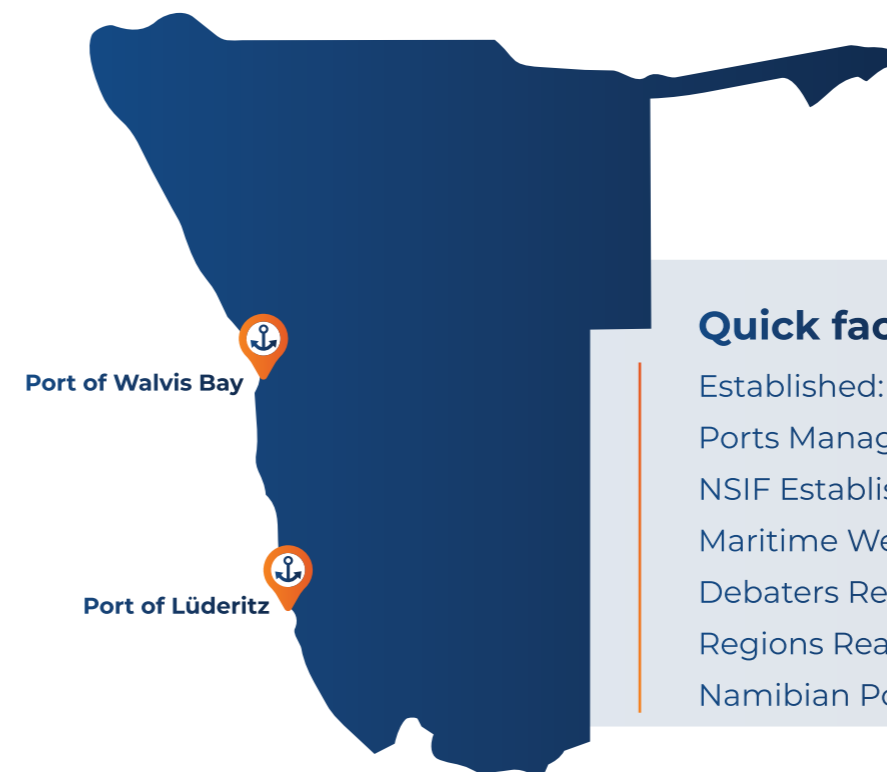
Namport's vision is to be Africa's leading maritime logistics hub, while its mission is to provide integrated port and logistics solutions, connecting Africa to global markets and creating sustainable value for all our stakeholders., with the intended outcome of improving the economic, social, cultural and environmental wellbeing of communities.

The Maritime Week is therefore not an isolated event. It is directly linked to Namport's broader strategy of creating sustainable stakeholder value, strengthening social licence to operate and supporting national development through education, youth empowerment and community engagement. **Namport's official CSR platform confirms that the Fund channels social investments across all 14 regions and focuses on education, skills development, community wellbeing, youth empowerment and national development.**



Following the success of the inaugural Maritime Week, Namport committed to making the programme an annual feature and expanding it into a national platform for maritime education and awareness.

Andrew Kanime
Chief Executive Officer, Namport



Quick facts

Established: **1994**
 Ports Managed: **2**
 NSIF Established: **2006**
 Maritime Week Launched: **2022**
 Debaters Reached Since Launch: **11,150**
 Regions Reached: **14**
 Namibian Population: **3,022 Million**

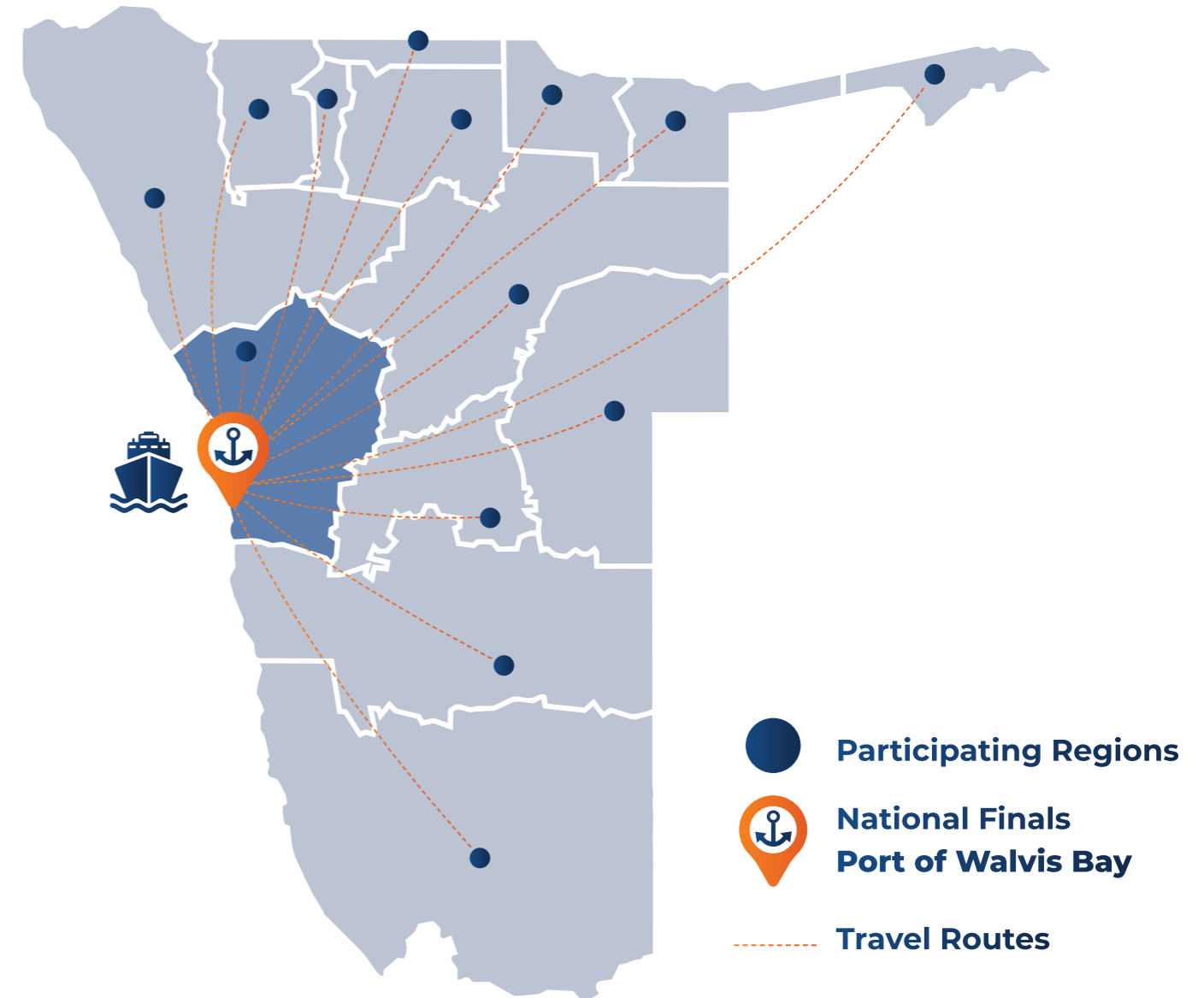


The challenge addressed

Namibia has only two commercial seaports, meaning that many learners, especially those from inland regions, grow up with limited direct exposure to maritime operations and the career opportunities associated with shipping, logistics, port engineering, marine services, environmental management, digital trade facilitation and regional transport corridors.

This lack of exposure creates a long-term workforce-development risk for Namibia’s maritime and logistics sector. Namport’s annual reports show that the country’s ports are handling significant and growing volumes of cargo and cross-border trade, including minerals, fuel, fish, vehicles, project cargo and other strategic commodities. In 2025, container volumes increased by 48% year-on-year to 253,996 TEUs, general cargo rose to 6.3 million tonnes, and cross-border cargo volumes increased by 13%.

As Namibia strengthens its position as a logistics gateway for SADC, the country requires a pipeline of young people who understand the maritime economy and can pursue careers in logistics, engineering, port operations, trade facilitation, environmental management, energy, tourism and blue economy entrepreneurship. The Maritime Week was created to address this awareness and opportunity gap.



All 14 Regions of Namibia Participated

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Namport Maritime Week - Namibian Ports Authority

Project response and activities

The Namport Maritime Week uses the port as an educational and community-building platform. The programme combines active learning, public engagement and industry exposure through the following activities:



Guided port tours,

allowing learners, teachers and members of the public to observe port infrastructure, cargo operations, vessel activity, safety systems and logistics processes first-hand.



Port open days,

which improve public understanding of Namport's role in Namibia's economy and regional trade corridors.



Career exhibitions and education talks

where learners engage with maritime, logistics, transport, environmental and industry professionals.



Vessel visits and industry demonstrations,

providing learners with practical exposure to maritime operations and real workplace environments.



National debating competitions,

encouraging learners to research, analyse and debate maritime, logistics, sustainability and blue economy topics.



Educational grants and social investment support,

delivered through the Namport Social Investment Fund, industry stakeholders and sponsors to strengthen education and community development.

Since inception, the program expanded significantly, attracting more than 2,200 visitors annually from across the country, including learners from all 14 regions, industry stakeholders and members of the public. The programme included the National Debating Competition, career exhibitions, port open days, industry dialogues and an exhibition hosted at the Walvis Bay Municipality Hall.

Experiencing Maritime Careers First-Hand

Learners engage directly with port operations, logistics professionals, maritime experts and industry stakeholders.

Cumulative Impact Since 2022:



216

Port Tours Conducted



Thousands

of Public Visitors



Direct Access

to Maritime Professionals



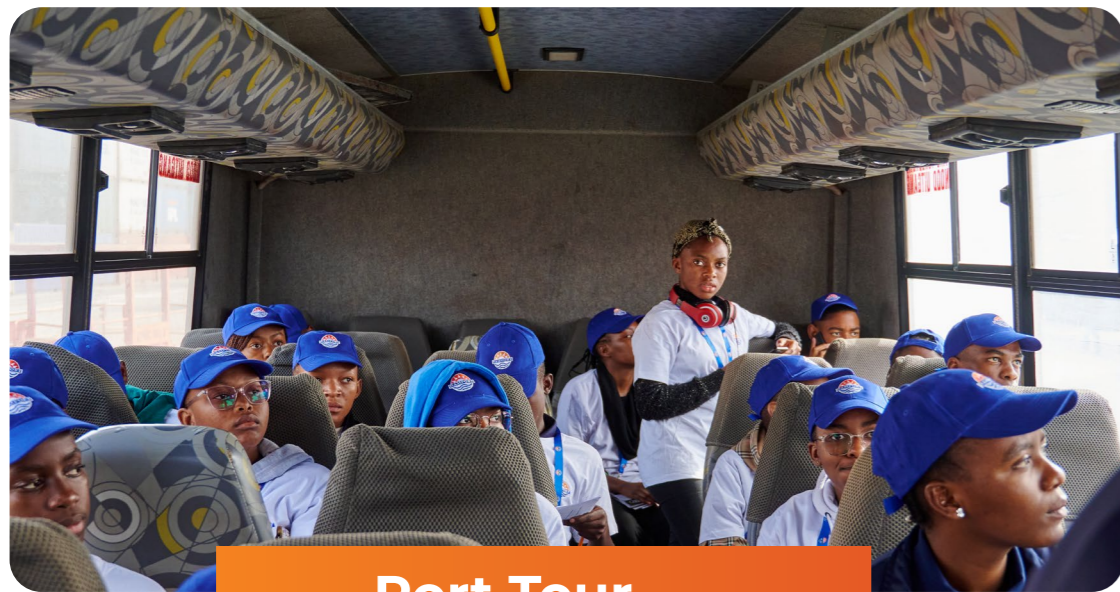
Exposure to

Port Operations



Career

Guidance Sessions



Port Tour



Port Tour



Education Talk



Parade by Namibian Navy



National Final Debate



Vessel Visit

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Innovation and originality

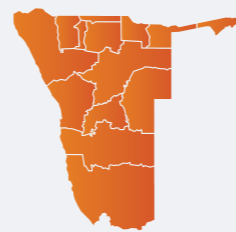
The originality of the Maritime Week lies in its transformation of a port awareness event into a national maritime talent-pipeline platform.

The project is innovative in five key ways:



Port-as-classroom model

Namport uses live port environments as learning spaces, allowing learners to connect classroom knowledge to real maritime, logistics and industrial operations.



National inclusion from all 14 regions

The programme deliberately extends beyond coastal communities by bringing learners from all 14 regions of Namibia into direct contact with the maritime sector.



Debate-based maritime learning

The National Debating Competition turns learners from passive visitors into active researchers and communicators on maritime, logistics and sustainability issues.



Multi-stakeholder delivery model

The Maritime Week brings together Namport, government, education institutions, local authorities, maritime organisations, environmental agencies, industry partners and sponsors.



Alignment with Namibia's logistics hub ambitions

Namport's ports serve four strategic trade corridors connecting Namibia to the SADC region, and the Maritime Week helps build awareness of the skills and careers needed to support this gateway role.



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Namport Maritime Week - Namibian Ports Authority

Measurable outcomes and impact to date



The Maritime Week has produced measurable community, education and stakeholder-engagement outcomes since its launch.

Indicator	Evidence to date
Launch year	The Maritime Week was launched in 2022 under the Namport Social Investment Fund (NSIF).
Initial learner reach	The inaugural Maritime Week in 2022 attracted approximately 800 learners.
National reach	The programme now includes learners from all 14 regions of Namibia.
Public engagement	The Maritime Week attracts more than 2,200 visitors from across Namibia per annum.
Guided port tours	Approximately 3,200 participants join guided port tours during the Maritime Week since inception.
Debate participation	Regional debating rounds are completed in all regions of Namibia in preparation for the finale.
Broadened learner participation	Schools in Kavango East -, Ohangwena -, and Erongo regions were invited to participate in complementary drawing and essay competitions, expanding engagement beyond debating.
Partnership expansion	The Maritime Week, as from 2024, was co-hosted with the Municipality of Walvis Bay and strengthened through collaboration with Debmarine Namibia. The event was subsequently changed to the Annual Walvis Bay Maritime Week.
Educational grant support	Namport's submission records educational grants of N\$500,000, N\$771,000 and N\$906,000 linked to Maritime Week growth.
NSIF national reach	NSIF invests in projects across all 14 regions of Namibia.
Broader NSIF investment	Since its establishment in 2006, the NSIF has invested more than N\$78 million in projects across Namibia.
2025 NSIF investment	Namport invested approximately N\$5.88 million through the NSIF in 2025, supporting education, community health, youth development and national initiatives.

Financial Commitment & Sustainability

Investing in Namibia's Future Maritime Workforce

Financial Commitment	
2023 Maritime Week	N\$2,091,080.08
2024 Maritime Week	N\$1,609,641.00
2025 Maritime Week	N\$4,301,414.15
Total Investment:	N\$8,002,135.23

Educational Grant Investment	
2023	N\$500,000
2024	N\$771,000
2024	N\$906,000
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL GRANTS:	N\$2.1 million

Planned NSIF Investment:
N\$7.76 million
 (2023 - 2025)

Investing in **Communities.**
Changing Lives.



Proposed impact indicators going forward

Namport will track the following indicators annually:



Number of learners participating by region, gender and school



Number of teachers participating.



Number of schools reached through regional and national competitions.



Number of guided port tours conducted.



Number of industry partners, exhibitors and maritime professionals participating.



Percentage of learners reporting improved knowledge of maritime careers after participation.



Percentage of learners expressing interest in maritime, logistics, engineering, transport, environmental or blue economy careers after participation.



Number of learners enrolled in mentorship, internship, bursary or job-shadowing opportunities after attending the Maritime Week.



Number and value of educational grants awarded.



Number of public visitors and community members reached.



Partner satisfaction and stakeholder feedback.

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Namport Maritime Week - Namibian Ports Authority

Stakeholder engagement and partnerships



The Annual Walvis Bay Maritime Week demonstrates strong cooperation between Namport and societal, educational and commercial stakeholders. The programme is delivered through collaboration with government institutions, educational bodies, maritime organisations, environmental agencies, local authorities, industry partners and sponsors.

The 2024 edition strengthened this partnership model through co-hosting with the Municipality of Walvis Bay as part of the town's and Namport's 30th anniversary celebrations, and through collaboration with Debmarine Namibia. These partnerships enhanced the reach, visibility and community relevance of Maritime Week while contributing directly to SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals.

Namport's wider stakeholder model also supports the project. The Authority's annual report identifies government, employees, customers, communities and other stakeholders as central to value creation, and states that Namport aims to improve the economic, social, cultural and environmental wellbeing of communities.



Media Partner



This letter serves to confirm and support the ongoing partnership between My Zone, the youth brand of Namibia Media Academy (NMA) and Namport in advancing youth development, career awareness, and educational engagement across Namibia.

My Zone is proud to serve as the official media partner of Namport's Maritime Debate Programme, a national initiative aimed at fostering critical thinking, public speaking, and awareness of Namibia's maritime sector among young people. Through this partnership, My Zone will provide comprehensive media coverage of the event, including regional debate activities and the Maritime Debate Finals scheduled for October. Coverage will be delivered across My Zone's print, digital, video, and social media platforms to ensure broad national visibility and youth engagement.

Beyond the Maritime Debate Programme, Namport partnered with My Zone on its national Media Roadshow, which travelled across all 12 regions and engaged more than 40+ schools nationwide. During the roadshow, My Zone, on behalf of Namport, delivered career awareness presentations highlighting opportunities within Namibia's maritime industry and related sectors. These engagements introduced learners to a wide range of career paths, including Marine Engineering, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Maritime Law, Environmental Services, ICT and Digital Systems, Finance and Economics, as well as Media and Communication.

The partnership further extends to My Zone's School Newspaper Project and Generation C programme, which provide learners with opportunities to develop communication, journalism, leadership, and storytelling skills while amplifying youth voices across Namibia. Through Namport's support, these platforms continue to educate, inform, and inspire the next generation of Namibian leaders while creating greater awareness of the maritime sector and its contribution to national development.

This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to empowering Namibia's youth through education, career guidance, media exposure, and meaningful engagement opportunities. By combining Namport's industry leadership with My Zone's extensive youth reach and media platforms, the partnership continues to create lasting impact for learners and schools across the country.

We value Namport's continued investment in youth development and look forward to strengthening this impactful partnership in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,

My Zone



MY ZONE MEDIA ROADSHOW FUNDAMENTALS

The My Zone Roadshow is not just a visit. It is a platform that connects learners to:

- Opportunities
- Industry leaders

- 01 My Zone School Newspaper Project**
Your Voice. Your Stories. Your Platform.
- 02 Generation C and Presenting skills**
Focus on communication and digital presence
- 03 Careers with Namport**
Beyond the Shore: Opportunities in Maritime
- 04 Banking and saving knowledge with Stanard Bank**
The earlier you understand money, the more power you have over your future.
- 05 Entrepreneurship with AGE C**
Entrepreneurial mindset over job-seeking mindset

Platform Performance

12 March to 18 May 2026

#MZnampor



Social Media

Source: Meta, TikTok Business Suite
Facebook and Instagram



Sourced from Meta

55 ↙

posts

77K ↙

reach

The campaign ads are ran through social media, with strong click to action links, prominent visual communicative media, and consistent posting

Social Media Metrics

Take a look at the metrics, evaluating the high reach and the interest attracted from the ads.

77 906

Total users reached

55

ads posted

1 416

Users reached per post

Total Reach

Source: NDH's Statistical Intelligence Framework

574 906

TotalReach

Tiktok

Source: Meta, TikTok Business Suite



479K

Total users reached

1607

Shares

14K

Likes

434

Comments

Source: NDH's Statistical Intelligence Framework

Contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals



SDG 4 QUALITY EDUCATION



HOW MARITIME WEEK SUPPORTS SDG 4

Maritime Week gives learners practical access to maritime career information, industry professionals, port infrastructure and experiential learning opportunities. It also supports education through the NSIF, which prioritises education and skills development as key focus areas.

SDG 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



HOW MARITIME WEEK SUPPORTS SDG 8

By introducing learners to maritime, logistics, transport and blue economy careers, Maritime Week supports future employability and workforce readiness. This is strategically important because Namport's ports are growing as regional trade gateways, with significant cargo, container and cross-border volumes handled through Walvis Bay and Lüderitz.

SDG 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



HOW MARITIME WEEK SUPPORTS SDG 9

The programme exposes learners to port infrastructure, cargo handling, ship repair, trade corridors and logistics systems, helping them understand how maritime infrastructure supports national and regional development.

SDG 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



HOW MARITIME WEEK SUPPORTS SDG 17

Maritime Week is delivered through a partnership model involving Namport, education stakeholders, public institutions, local authorities and industry partners. The 2024 collaboration with the Municipality of Walvis Bay and Debmarine Namibia further strengthened its partnership base.



TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE MARITIME FUTURE THAT LEAVES NO ONE BEHIND.

Vision and leadership

Namport’s leadership has embedded the Maritime Week within its broader social investment and sustainability agenda. The programme is implemented through the Namport Social Investment Fund, which has operated since 2006 and is governed by a Board of Trustees to ensure that interventions are strategically targeted and effectively managed.

Namport’s sustainability reporting is guided by recognised frameworks including the International Integrated Reporting Framework, King IV, GRI, TCFD, SASB and the Marine Transportation Sustainability Accounting Standard. This governance context strengthens the credibility of the Maritime Week as part of Namport’s broader ESG and stakeholder-value approach.

Namport’s leadership has also demonstrated long-term commitment to community impact. The NSIF has invested more than N\$78 million in projects across Namibia since 2006, and in 2025 Namport invested approximately N\$5.88 million through the NSIF in education, community health, youth development and national initiatives.



78 Million
Reasons

**to Believe in Community,
Commitment, and Change**

Namport: Empowering Namibia Beyond the Port Gates

At first glance, Namport’s influence is measured by the movement of cargo and ships. But beyond the cranes and containers lies a deeper story, one of a port authority committed not only to economic growth but to shared prosperity and inclusive development across Namibia.



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Namport Maritime Week - Namibian Ports Authority

Long-term sustainability and scalability

The Annual Walvis Bay Maritime Week is designed as a recurring annual platform rather than a once-off event. The programme has already evolved from a 2022 open-port event into a national platform involving learners from all 14 regions, guided port tours, career exhibitions, public engagement, debating competitions and partnerships with local authorities and industry.

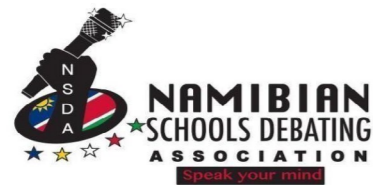
Future priorities include:

- Increasing regional learner participation from 1,310 to 1,500 learners annually by 2027.
- Strengthening mentorship opportunities through greater industry involvement.
- Expanding participation from maritime, logistics, transport, environmental and energy stakeholders.
- Introducing innovation and entrepreneurship competitions linked to the blue economy.
- Establishing a regional schools maritime debate programme involving learners from Namibia's land-linked corridor countries.

This regional expansion is strategically relevant because Namport's ports serve cross-border markets through the Trans-Kalahari, Walvis Bay-Ndola-Lubumbashi, Trans-Cunene and Trans-Oranje corridors.



Testimonials



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RE: **Highlights of Namport Maritime Week's impact on school learners**

The Namibian Ports Authority (Namport) Maritime Week is an annual flagship Corporate Social Responsibility initiative under the Namport Social Investment Fund. The maritime week was launched in 2022 aligning with the World Maritime Day, where the event seeks to cultivate awareness about Namibia's maritime sector, spotlight Namport's role, and foster understanding of maritime careers among junior primary and secondary learners and the broader community in Namibia. Yearly, Maritime Week brings together 140 school learners and 22 teachers from all 14 regions of Namibia for maritime discourse through debates. The learners and teachers are further exposed to career exhibitions, guided port tours, industry dialogues, and competitions. It is pivotal to note that the Maritime week has a significant impact on the learners such careers and self-development.

The maritime week plays a key role in raising collective understanding of the vulnerability of marine environments and the importance of their protection, which may best begin with integration of maritime literacy in schools. Research has it that school learners worldwide have a limited understanding of the Maritime Literacy and career opportunities in the field. The lack of familiarity in maritime literacy has been linked to the absence of topics related to maritime science in schools. Withstanding the latter, NAMPORT through its Corporate Social Responsibility believes that education is a shared responsibility. Namport entered into partnership with NSDA as the custodian of debate activities in Namibia with the purposes of picking the learners brains on motions pertaining but not limited to Maritime Education and Training, Workforce Development, Disaster Preparedness, Technology and Innovation and

Namport Services. The maritime week further exposes learners early to maritime careers through port tours, career exhibitions and industry discourse. During tours, learners learn about safety procedures, equipment maintenance, purchasing departments, and human resources development in ports. Learners get to see how theory from textbooks applies to cranes, containers, and cargo systems. The marine week aids the learner choose the right career paths, develop the learners confidence and research skills as follows;

1. Early exposure to maritime and blue economy careers For many Namibian learners, the maritime sector remains "invisible" until after Grade 12 or never. Maritime Week changes that by taking learners inside the Port of Walvis Bay. During the week, learners tour Namport tugboats, vessels from the Ministry of Fisheries, Namibian Navy vessels, and port facilities. Learners experience first-hand how

commodities are handled, how infrastructure works, and how a port operates 24/7. This exposure demystifies careers learners only hear about in class if they ever hear about : marine pilot, tug master, vessel traffic controller, port engineer, marine surveyor, logistics manager, customs officer, and maritime lawyer. Career exhibitions during Maritime Week display these roles and allow learners to speak directly with industry professionals.

The 2022 event exposes insights into infrastructure developments, commodity handling operations, and career opportunities to around 800 students. By 2024, that reach expanded to over 2,200 learners on guided tours alone. Learners consistently report that seeing the port "in real life" makes maritime careers feel real and achievable. Since its inception 2025, this program has reached to over 6000 learners countrywide

1.2 Better subject choices in Grades 9-11

It is crucial to note that the earlier they are exposed to the right choice of subjects the better the chances of getting to know what they would want to study at an earlier stage. Maritime Week aids learners to connect school subjects to the careers. For instance, learners are of the opinion that Mathematics, Physics, Geography, and Maritime Economics are not just exam subjects, but gateways to careers that drive Namibia's economy. The maritime and logistics sector is critical to national economic development, but requires the right skills. By exposing learners right from junior primary to secondary school level, Namibia can address skills shortages in key sectors in the near future. Learners who attend Maritime Week in Grade 9-11 are better able to choose combinations that include Mathematics, Physical Science, and Geography. This increases their eligibility for bursaries and tertiary programs in nautical science, marine engineering, and logistics at NUST, NIMT, and international institutions.

2. Understanding Namibia's "blue economy"

Withstanding career advancement, learners are equipped with the blue economy knowledge that they may miss in their every day's classrooms. The Maritime week entails conversations ranging from conserving and sustainably managing marine and coastal ecosystems, preventing marine pollution, and increasing ocean-related scientific knowledge. Learners are therefore impacted with the understanding that Namibia's coastline is not just scenery, but an economic asset requiring skilled Namibians to manage it upon their departure. The latter denotes a national pride and environmental sustainability.

3. Skills development through debating, research, and critical thinking skills

Since 2023, Maritime Week includes a National Debating Competition organized with the Namibian Schools Debating Association and the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture. The competition gathers debaters from Grades 9-12 across 13 of Namibia's 14 regions. Learners are expected to read extensively, carry out research, write, and defend motions through critical thinking. The debate process builds research skills, public speaking, teamwork, and critical thinking. Presenting school research at the Maritime Week exhibition forces learners to speak to strangers, answer questions, and defend ideas. For Grade 9-11 learners, this is powerful confidence-building. Group activities during the week also build teamwork. Learners from different regions, schools, and language backgrounds collaborate on projects and debates. This exposure broadens their worldview and prepares them for tertiary education and workplace environments.

4. Bursaries, training, and national exposure and networking

Maritime Week functions as a career fair as stakeholders exhibit bursary schemes, training opportunities, and entry requirements for maritime careers. This is a chain of opportunities for learners to receive direct information on how to apply for Namport's Catch-Them-Young Scheme and other programs linked to the Lawhill Maritime Centre. This direct access to stakeholders is pivotal for learners. Many rural learners lack information on bursaries and career pathways. Meeting Namport staff and maritime professionals gives them contacts and guidance. The event highlights training opportunities and bursaries available to Grade 9-12 learners. Maritime Week 2024 was co-hosted with the Municipality of Walvis Bay and strengthened through collaboration with Debmarine Namibia. This partnership model exposes learners to multiple industry players in 5 days. Learners from all 14 regions participate, meaning a learner from Omusati region can network with peers from Zambezi or //Karas. This national networking is rare for high school learners and broadens aspirations. The event aligns strongly with SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals.

5. Long-term impact: Grooming future maritime leaders

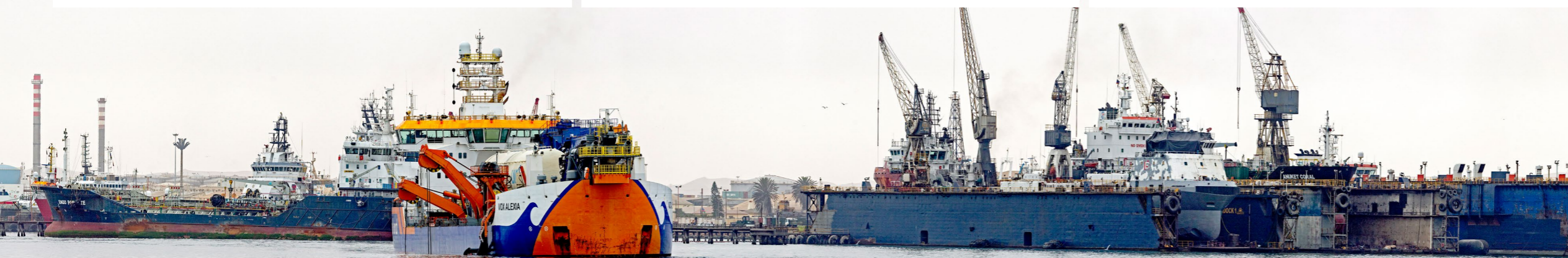
The success of Maritime Week has irked interest from schools in various regions to participate in similar activities. Schools see that learners return motivated and confident. The initiative has become a permanent feature on Namport's annual calendar with invitations extended to schools nationwide. As a long term impact, Maritime Week contributes to Namibia's human capital development. The learners are inspired at an early stage with Namport building the pipeline of Namibians who will manage ports, protect marine ecosystems, and grow the blue economy. Learners who attend in Grade 9 are more likely to pursue maritime-related studies in Grade 12 and at tertiary level. Namport's broader social investment reached all 14 regions since 2023, with N\$5.88 million invested in education and youth development programs. It is notable that Maritime Week is the flagship of this commitment.

Namport Maritime Week delivers measurable impact on participating high school learners where they gain clear career awareness that improves subject choice, practical skills in research, debate, and technical understanding, and access to bursaries, networks, and motivation to pursue maritime careers. For a country like Namibia where the port sector is vital to economic growth, exposing learners at an early stage is not optional but it is strategic.

Yours in Education

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Testimonials



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N\$500,000 Regional Prize Awarded to Otjozondjupa Debating Team during the Namport Maritime Week 2023

Dear Honourable Nghipondoka

I trust this letter finds you well.

I am writing to formally convey our acknowledgment of the remarkable success witnessed during the Namport Maritime Week 2023, an event that captivated participants and attendees alike with its resounding achievements. Among the highlights of this esteemed gathering was the National Schools Debating and Art competition, a testament to the depth of talent and dedication within our nation's educational institutions.

It is with great pride and pleasure that we announce the deserving victory of the Otjozondjupa Debating Team in this prestigious competition. In recognition of their outstanding performance, Namport is honored to confirm our commitment of N\$500,000.00 towards a noble cause within the winning region. While we understand that this contribution may not fully address all educational challenges faced by the Otjozondjupa region, we firmly believe it can serve as a meaningful catalyst for initiatives that will enrich and empower the local educational community.

As the principal sponsor, we respectfully request the assistance of your esteemed office in identifying one or two prospective projects of significance within Otjozondjupa. We propose to collaborate closely with the Governor's Office of the Otjozondjupa region to ensure alignment with local priorities and needs. Your prompt guidance in this matter would be greatly appreciated, as it will enable us to commence the necessary procedures without delay.

Furthermore, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the pivotal role played by your office in ensuring the seamless execution of the Namport Maritime Week 2023. Your support and commitment were instrumental in making the event a resounding success, and we are deeply appreciative of your efforts.

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Looking ahead, we are already in the initial stages of planning for the forthcoming Namport Maritime Week 2024, which promises to surpass its predecessor in scale and impact. We remain steadfast in our commitment to fostering excellence and innovation within our maritime community and beyond.

In conclusion, we eagerly anticipate the transformative effect that your chosen project(s) will have on the Otjozondjupa community, and we pledge our unwavering support towards its realization.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, Honourable Minister.

Yours sincerely

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Why the Annual Walvis Bay Maritime Week deserves shortlisting

The Annual Walvis Bay Maritime Week deserves consideration for the IAPH Community Building Award because it demonstrates how a port authority can integrate itself into society by opening its operations, knowledge and networks to young people and communities.

The project aligns directly with the IAPH Community Building focus areas of open port initiatives, community and social engagement programmes, education and employment initiatives, stakeholder engagement and sustainable port governance. It also responds strongly to IAPH's evaluation criteria by showing innovation, leadership, sustainability contribution, stakeholder cooperation and measurable impact.

Its strongest contribution is that it converts Namport's strategic national role into a public learning opportunity. Learners do not only hear about ports; they visit them, debate their future, meet professionals, understand trade corridors, explore career pathways and become part of Namibia's future maritime workforce.



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Namport Maritime Week - Namibian Ports Authority

Media Links



NBC news

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wrw5px9LyuE>



Namport Debating competition 2025:

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