



# ngwediva News

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

The town of Ongwediva is blessed to have received a huge number of visitors from different corners of the country and abroad. This year, history was made through our visitors who solidified the concept of “business tourism” in our town.

Our efforts to get economic activities taking shape in our town are indeed coming to fruition. This is good for the local economy which we are striving to uplift apparel to developmental agenda of our town. Although the economy was hard hit by COVID-19, it is encouraging to note that business is picking up gradually.

Therefore, I wish to extend my sincere appreciations to all those who made effort to visit Ongwediva and share a memorable moment of the Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair 2022. I equally wish to invite individuals and institutions with investment ideas to come through for engagements and feasibility analysis.



**His Worship Taarah Shalyefu**  
The Mayor of Ongwediva

## STREET VENDORS ADVISED TO TRADE RESPONSIBLY

Street vendors have been requested by Ongwediva Town Council to conduct business in a responsible manner by trading at designated places and maintain hygiene at all times. The Council has noted that some vendors do not take initiatives to visit Council office prior to commencement of business activities in town, hence the Council wishes to reiterate the call for street vendors and any other person who wish to trade in town to engage the town Council office first.

### Moshiwambo

Ovalandifi vo mo mapandavanda otava indilwa kElelo IOdoolopa yaNgwediva opo va landife momukalo muwa no ve li peenhele odo daufwa. Ngeenge omulandifi okwe lihangeli ponhele oyo yaufwa, ota indilwa opo akaleke onhele oyo ya yela nawa efimbo keshe. Elelo IOdoolopa ala didilika kutya ovalandifi vamwe ihava ningi onghendambala yokumona elelo omanga ina va tameka eengeshefa davo, onghee ota ku tuwa omufindo opo keshe ou e na \ edilaadilo longeshefa akendabale, a mone ombelewa omanga ina tameka okulandifa, yee apewe ouyelele u li mondjila.

## ONGWEDIVA-WINDHOEK COOPERATION AGREEMENT RENEWED

On Tuesday, 12 July 2022, the Ongwediva Town Council and the City of Windhoek signed a cooperation agreement effective for the next five (5) years. This was done during a joint ceremony held at Oshakati, where the City of Windhoek renewed the cooperation with Ondangwa and Oshakati Town Council.

The cooperation entails among others; human resources and capacity building, promotion of tourism, community development, waste management, town planning, and delivery solutions and emergency services.

Ongwediva and the City of Windhoek have been working together since April 2002 with a formal agreement in place. Apart from the City of Windhoek, Okahao, Okakarara, Otjinene and Lommel Town are other local authorities working together with Ongwediva Town with cooperation agreements.



On Tuesday, September 06, 2022, the American Corner in Ongwediva, in partnership with the U. S. Embassy launched a session on Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders formerly known as Yong African Leadership Initiative (YALI). It was an information-sharing session on how the youth can participate in a six-week leadership institute at U.S. colleges or universities to share their experiences with and learn from U.S. citizens and other fellows. The following youth from Ongwediva participated in the fellowship of 2022 namely; Eтуhole Efraim, Nambili Tukuna Gamxamub and Jessica Debby Ndjadila. The mentioned youth are part of the organizing team for the session held at the Sam Nujoma Multipurpose Centre with the aim of sharing experiences and encourage other youth to apply for the same program. A total number of 50 youth attended the session. The youth are encouraged to apply since the application deadline is September 13, 2022.

More information can be obtained from Mr. Sackeus Natangwe Nghimwenavali (0818125221) the Coordinator of the American Corner at the Sam Nujoma Multi-Purpose Centre.

## MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS





## LIMPOPO PROVINCE

A delegation of 12 business people and 20 government officials led by 3 Members of the Executive Committee (MEC) of the Limpopo Provincial Government visited Oshana Region from the 23<sup>rd</sup> August to 02<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. The visit is part of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Oshana, Omusati, Ohangwena, Oshikoto Regions and Limpopo Province in South Africa. Culture, agriculture, tourism and business exchange are some areas of interest in the MOU. Headed by the MEC Thabo Andrew Mokone, the delegation managed to visit all the four (4) regions with the aim to familiarize themselves with the culture and terrestrial outlook of the regions.



## Safety tips:

### Your bin can be used as a crime tool:

- \*It can be used as a ladder to climb your boundary wall.
- \*Criminals can ambush you by hiding behind your bin.
- \*When left outside for long, it can be an indication that you might not be in the house.

### Remedies:

- \*It is important that you only put your bin out on the collection day.
- \*Once emptied put it back inside your yard the same day.
- \*Communicate to your neighbours for assistance in your absence.

## ONGWEDIVA TOWN COUNCIL DONATES TO LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAM

In July 2022, the Mayor of Ongwediva, His Worship Taarah Shalyefu donated sport materials worth N\$9,419.00 to Ongwediva City Football Club. The club is an affiliate of the Namibia Football Association and it benefits the youth that are passionate about football activities in Ongwediva.

On the same day, the Mayor also handed over a donation of equipment and materials worth N\$10,000.00 to Booming Empowerment Project, an integrated community development project.

The aim of Booming Empowerment Project is training of young people to become agents of social change. The project also serves to empower the youth on health-related matters including HIV/AIDS awareness. In addition, they advocate for a Gender Based Violence free community and encourage entrepreneurship.

The two beneficiaries were selected following public invitation and call for proposals as required in terms of Section 30 (10) (z) (ii) of Local Authorities Act 23 of 1992 as amended.

These donations are Council's efforts to make a significant

impact towards socio-economic advancement and community development.



## A GREAT RETURN OF ONGWEDIVA ANNUAL TRADE FAIR

On 26 August 2022, Ongwediva town was packed with business activities ignited by the Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair 2022. 391 exhibitors representing various economic sectors came through to showcase their products and services. Hosted in a hybrid format, some exhibitors took advantage of both, the physical and the virtual platforms to maximize visibility of products and services.

The Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair attained 20 years of "exhibition excellence", which necessitated the recognition of institutions and individuals who played a pivotal role in the establishment and maintaining of the existence of a reputable trade fair.

Application form for 2023 participation is available at [www.oatf.com.na](http://www.oatf.com.na).



## ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL VISITS ONGWEDIVA

The Erongo Regional Council visited Ongwediva as part of the Council's familiarisation to Oshana Region. The delegation led by the Chairperson of the Regional Council Honourable Benita Imbamba visited different places in Ongwediva after a highlight of projects and activities of the town by His Worship Taarah Shalyefu the Mayor of Ongwediva.

## Capital project 2021/2022

Project	Location	Progress	Commenced	Intended Completion	Amount N\$
Sewer reticulation	SKY Phase1	90%	06 July 2021	Extended to October 2022	5.7 million
Sewer reticulation	Extension 15	96%	29 April 2021	Extended to September 2022	8.2 million
Upgrading Church Street	Extension 6&7	100%	21 September 2021	June 2022	8.2 million
Storm Water Channel	Reception 2 & 10	100%	7 July 2021	January 2021	2.4 million

**did you know?** There were 41 categories awarded during the Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair 2022 Award and Appreciation ceremony.

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