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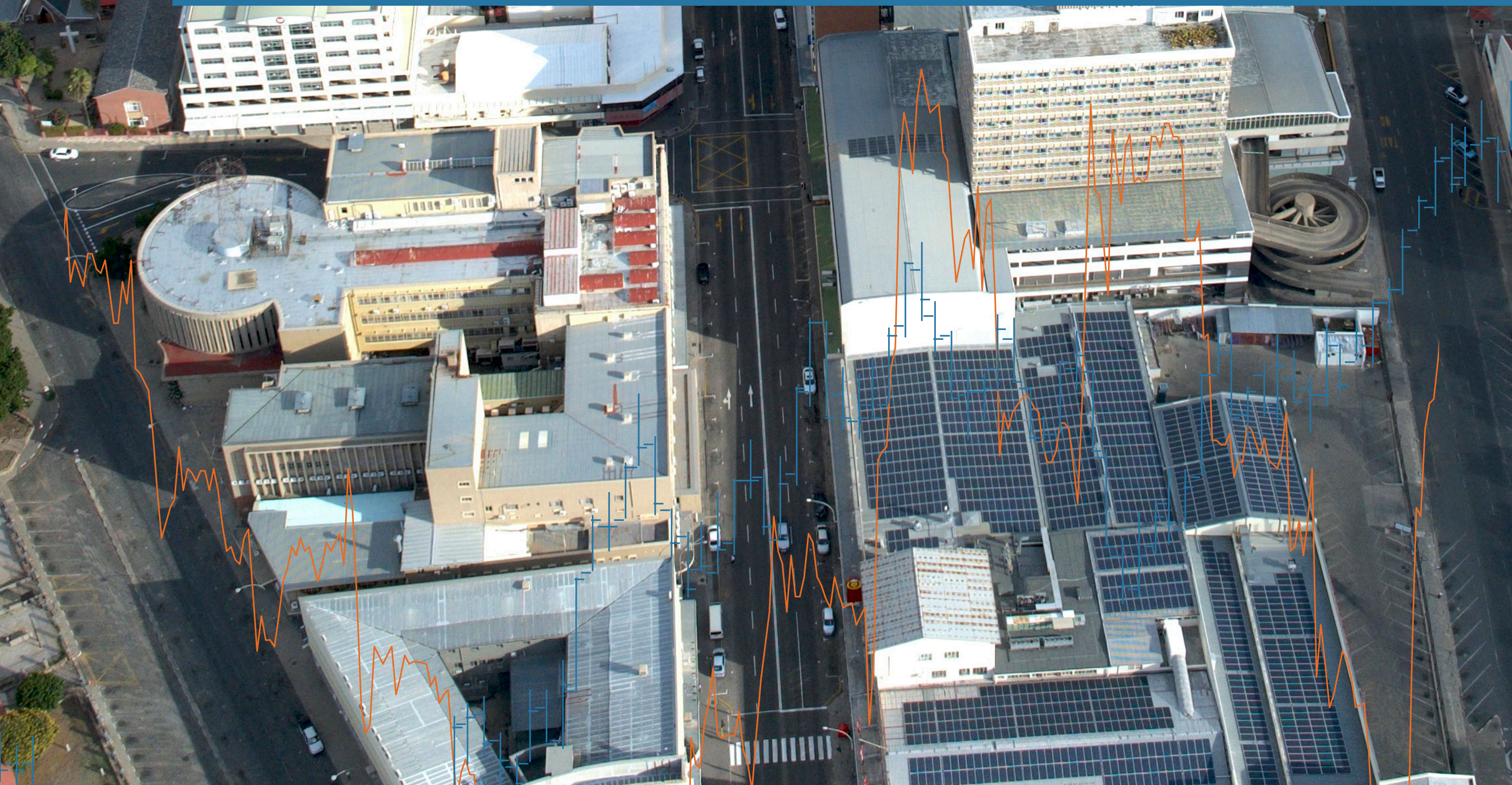

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The Namibia Public–Private Forum: A New Chapter for Inclusive Growth

The inaugural Namibia Public–Private Forum (NamPPF), held from 23 to 24 October 2025 in Windhoek, marked a major milestone in strengthening collaboration between government and the private sector to accelerate Namibia's economic transformation. The two-day event, chaired by Her Excellency President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, brought together over 400 leaders from government, business and development partners under the theme "Public–Private Dialogue to Drive Decent and Sustainable Job Creation – Enhancing Namibia's Competitiveness." The Forum represented a tangible step toward building trust, fostering partnership and mobilising collective action to address national priorities such as job creation, industrialisation and inclusive growth.

In her closing remarks, President Nandi-Ndaitwah called for the immediate implementation of key resolutions, emphasising that success will depend on "discipline, urgency and diligence" from all parties. She reiterated that Namibia's transformation will only be realised through shared responsibility where government and business "meet each other halfway in a spirit of true partnership." The President highlighted the need to streamline regulatory processes, reduce red tape, enhance efficiency in visa and work permit systems and improve service delivery to make Namibia a more competitive and predictable investment destination. Notably, she announced the establishment of three task forces on Economic Recovery, Health and Housing, and confirmed that a One-Stop Business Registration Centre will open by 1 December 2025 to simplify doing business in Namibia.

NaSIA proudly participated in this landmark event with our Chief Executive Officer, Mr Josephat Mwatotele, serving as Chair of the Financing of Priority Projects Working Group. The Working Group's key task focused on:

- Identifying systemic barriers affecting the sourcing of capital from both domestic and international sources, as well as its efficient allocation to drive job creation in key sectors.
- Ways to mobilise innovative financing mechanisms to create access to risk capital pools necessary for promoting investments in impactful projects, social investments and start-ups.
- Ways to promote Namibia as a preferred destination for capital flows through the development of a world-class competitive financial services sector to drive economic transformation and job creation.

In their presentation to the President the Working Group highlighted three key constraints hindering investments in key priority sectors required for job creation and driving the country's development agenda in line with Government's NDP6. These include access to risk and blended capital, shortage of specialised skills required for driving new investments in crtical sectors, uncompetitive regulatory environment lacking modern investment structures and incentives.

As part of their recommendations to the Forum the Working Group proposed specific actionable measures to address the identified key constraints, which included:

- Creation of innovative mechanisms such as promotion of PPPs, blended finance involving concessional public funding, and mobilising impact investment for key projects.
- Mobilising different specialist skills required to facilitate investments in key priority sectors through coordinated national initiatives involving public and private sector. Strengthening capacity in these areas to ensure that local institutions and professionals can structure bankable projects, negotiate fair deals and manage investments effectively would be key outcome.
- Reforming of the local regulatory regime to make Namibia's financial sector more competitive to attract international capital flows through a combination of tax and non-tax investment incentives.

The presentation underscored the need to deepen local capital markets by unlocking domestic savings pool through targeted policy interventions. Specific proposals put forward for consideration included the creation of policy framework for the mobilisation of venture capital, impact investments and unclaimed funds in the financial system to achieve long-term inclusive growth.

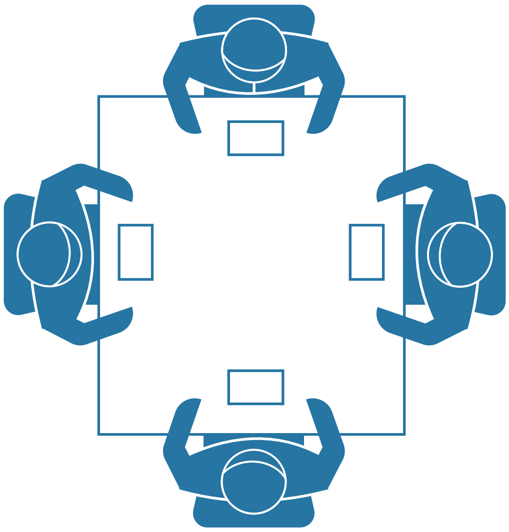
The outcomes of the Forum are particularly relevant within the broader context of the Namibia Financial Sector Transformation Strategy (NFSTS), launched earlier this year. The NFSTS envisions a financial system that is resilient, inclusive, sustainable and capable of mobilising domestic savings for productive investment. The NamPPF's emphasis on financing, innovation and policy reform complements the NFSTS pillars on sustainable finance, local capital market development and access to finance for MSMEs. Through alignment between the NFSTS and the NPPF, Namibia is setting the foundation for a financial system that drives national development objectives while ensuring that no sector or citizen is left behind.

As a leading voice in the non-banking financial sector, NaSIA encourages its members to stay actively engaged with the NamPPF implementation process. Members are urged to monitor and actively participate in policy reforms discussions, identify investment opportunities arising from the Forum's resolutions, and contribute their expertise to ongoing national conversations on competitiveness and transformation. The Secretariat will continue to ensure that the perspectives of NaSIA members inform the national reform agenda, particularly on issues of sustainable finance, market depth and financial inclusion.

The spirit of partnership and accountability that emerged from the NamPPF represents a new chapter for Namibia's development journey. It reflects a shared determination to move from dialogue to delivery and from planning to shared prosperity.

Happy Reading!

1. Upcoming Committee Meetings

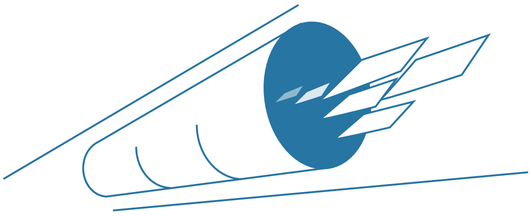


The Committee meeting dates for 2026 will be announced in due course.

2. Submissions done:

No submission was made during the month of October 2025.

3.In The Pipeline



The Secretariat has initiated research studies focused on long-term sector development and policy reform in key strategic areas. These will be shared with the relevant Technical Committees for discussion in due course.

4. NaSIA Career Days

The fourth Namibia Savings and Investment Association Career Day, held on 2 October 2025, featured Ms. Erry Iipumbu, Investment Analyst at SanlamAllianz Namibia. Erry Iipumbu delivered a practical guest lecture on Risk Management, covering strategies for identifying and mitigating risks, as well as common derivatives and their real-world applications. This marked the conclusion of this year's Career Day initiative. The initiative is set to continue next year.

5. Stakeholder Engagements

Stakeholder	Date of Engagement	Key Outcomes
NAMFISA, Business Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA),Electricity Control Board (ECB), Namibia Revenue Agency (NAMRA), Financial intelligence Centre (FIC), Bankers Association of Namibia (BAN), Namibia Standard Institutions (NSI), Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB), and the Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI)	22 October 2025	**Lauch of the Namibia Regulators Forum** • NaSIA attended the launch of the Namibia Regulators Forum held on 22 October 2025. The Forum brought together key regulatory and oversight institutions, including NAMFISA, BIPA, NSI, ECB, NAMRA, and the FIC to strengthen regulatory coordination. NaSIA, BAN, NIPDB, and NCCI participated in an observatory capacity. • During the inagrural meeting, the founding members endorsed the Terms of Reference and appointed Dr. Johannes Gawaxab, Governor of the Bank of Namibia, as Chairperson, whilst CRAN's Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Emilia Nghikembua, was appointed Vice Chairperson. 

5. Stakeholder Engagements continue…

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Leaders from Government, the private sector and Civil Society	23-24 October 2025	**Inaugural Namibia Public – Private Forum** • NaSIA participated in the inaugural Namibia Public – Private Forum (NamPPF), a two-day national engagement officiated by Her Excellency, President Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah. • The NamPPF is a national dialogue platform aimed at fostering collaboration between Government, private sector, civil society and community organisation to explore ways to translate Namibia's economic vision into measurable impact. The forum was held under the theme "Public-Private Dialogue to Drive Decent and Sustainable Job Creation: Enhancing Namibia's competitiveness"

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Namibia Savings Insurance and Investment Association ("NaSIA") is incorporated as a not-for profit company and represents the interest of its members; financial institutions such as unit trusts companies, investment managers and long-term insurers. NaSIA's strategic purpose and mandate is to continue to strengthen relationships with key stakeholders and to remain a trusted partner to these stakeholders in the financial services industry. NaSIA has been tasked with ensuring that as a collective the industry remains relevant and sustainable.

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