



MEDIA RELEASE

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM TO REPLICATE AND UPSCALE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION MEASURES TO VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AND SECTOR OF NAMIBIA'S POPULATION GROUPS

Official Hand Over of Improved Goat Ram Breeds, Plastic Granaries, Biomass Energy Efficiency Stoves to Women-Headed Household in the Ohangwena Region

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism, through the Country Pilot Partnership for Integrated Sustainable Land Management (CPP – ISLM), is implementing climate change activities in line with the country's *Prior, During and Post UNFCCC COP 17 Strategy*. Three climate change adaptation measures to improve resilience in the agricultural sector and address deforestation will be replicated.

As such, Honorable Minister, Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah, will be handing over improved goat ram breeds, plastic granaries and *Enzy* stoves to women - headed households in the Ohangwena region. The hand over will also be officiated by the Governor of the Ohangwena Region and the UNDP Resident Representative, the Regional Councils and the Uukwanyama Traditional Authority. The event will take place on **Thursday, 17 November 2011** at Oushake/Elundu Auction kraal Omundaungilo Constituency.

Media practitioners are invited by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism as well as the Regional Council of the Ohangwena Region, to attend and report on this event, in line with the country's activities *Prior UNFCCC COP*.

This auspicious event forms part of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism's plans to upscale and replicate successful climate change adaptation measures to address the negative impacts and risks posed by climate change. These adaptive measures fall in line with the various initiatives being piloted under the CPP – ISLM and the Integrated Dry-land Development Programme (IDDP), which is supported by the Global Environment Facility and the European Union, with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) as an implementing partner.

The beneficiaries are selected from the existing CPP – ISLM pilot sites in Okongo, Endola, Epembe and Ondombe constituencies. The targeted beneficiaries will be women - headed households in these three constituencies, represented as follows:

- 12 improved goat rams breeds per constituency (Okongo, Endola, Epembe and Ondombe)
- 12 plastic granaries per constituency (Okongo, Endola, Epembe and Ondombe)
- 50 *Enzy* stoves per constituency (Okongo, Endola, Epembe and Ondombe)
- Two improved goat rams breeds to the Queen of Oukwanyama Kingdom
- Two plastic granaries to the Queen of Oukwanyama Kingdom
- 20 *Enzy* stoves to the Queen of Oukwanyama Kingdom
- 20 *Enzy* stoves to the Okongo Community Forestry and Conservancy

The Ministry aims to demonstrate how environmental, social and economic issues can be addressed by appropriate adaptation options at community and local level. With this event the Ministry recognises that women-headed households are more vulnerable to the negative impacts of climate change.

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism, together with its implementing partners look forward to a successful event and trusts that the media will take an active interest in community development, specifically in advancing small –scale climate change adaption actions through communication, coverage and information sharing, by being present on this day.

Kindly find the programme attached for your information and planning.

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