



NAMIBIA CORPORATE LAW REFORM SUMMIT 2023

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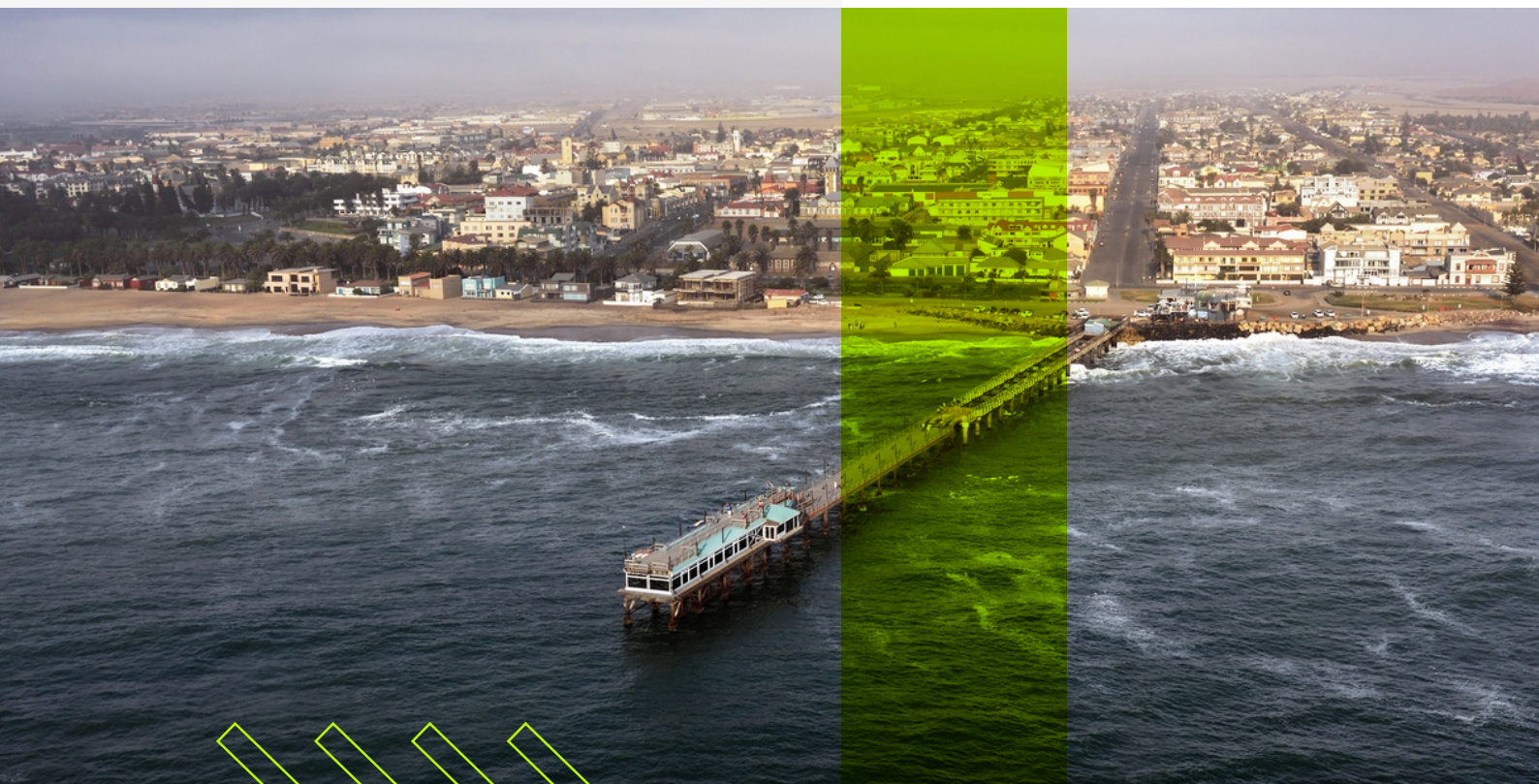
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8 CPD units/hours



Keynote Speaker

Mr Sikongo Haihambo
Executive Director
Ministry of Industrialisation
and Trade, Namibia



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 **Namibia** is making history.

The overhaul of the Close Corporations Act and Companies Act is giving the economical landscape a massive make over and contributes to the shaping of the legal environment/ democracy of Namibia.

By reshaping the law, the capacity of business is strengthened through legal empowerment and accountability promoted.

With this summit, CIBA is bringing together the role-players who are dedicated to a better business environment and fast-tracked the reform. This summit is a unique opportunity to have direct access and understand the impact on business.

The law was shaped. This is history in the making.
Join us to know it.
So that you can use it.

I am looking forward to this New Namibia.

Best wishes,

Nicolaas van Wyk
CIBA CEO



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PROGRAMME

07:30 - 08:00

Registration

08:00 - 08:10

Welcome

Opening of the day and introduction to the programme and event procedure.

Ms Lehana Nel
CIBA Namibia Representative

Lehana studied BCom International Trade and Marketing and Forensic Auditing. She serves on IAFEI's Ethics & Sustainable Development committee and represents CIBA on BIPA's Law Reform Committee.



08:10 - 08:30

Keynote Speaker: Namibian Trade and Namibia Law Reform

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Mr Sikongo Haihambo, Executive Director,
Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade

A seasoned executive with over 25 years managerial experience at senior and executive levels. He holds a Master of Business Administration.



08:30 - 09:15

Session 1: Company Formation and Constitution

Panel discussion regarding the following:

- Simplification of company formation procedures
- Types of companies under the new act
- Repealing the Close Corporation Act and Transitioning to a Unified Company Law Structure

Mr Anthony Lukas
BIPA Legal Officer

Anthony holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree and has significant experience in Company Law, Corporate Governance and Compliance Management. He is involved in the ongoing Corporate Law Reform Regional Stakeholder Consultations and has valuable insights.



Ms Nawala Kamati
Partner: Commercial & Corporate Law
Engling, Stritter and Partners

Nawala has experience in corporate and commercial law, including project development and projecting financing, intellectual property law, as well as competition and antitrust law.



Mr Abraham Limbere, Accountant
Kavango East Regional Council

Abraham is a registered BAP(SA). He holds Bachelor of Technology in Accounting and Finance and is currently studying the Oxford Brookes BSc(Hons)in Applied Accounting.



Mr Gabriel Ngiinomenwa Erastus
NCCI Economist/Researcher

Gabriel serves as Economist and Researcher for the Chamber



Ms Melanie Allen
Investment & Business Consultant

Melanie has worked for market-leading businesses like KPMG, Namibia Asset Managers (Coronation Fund Managers) and Old Mutual Namibia. She has served as a CEO and holds a B.Compt degree.



Sessions Lead Moderator
Prof. Tshepo Mongalo

Tshepo is the current Lead Consultant and Project Coordinator for the Namibian Corporate Law Reform Project and Associate Professor of Law at Wits University, Johannesburg. He is the Former Project Manager and Lead Expert for the Corporate Law Reform Project of South Africa, which culminated into the current South African Companies Act, 2008.

09:15 - 10:00

Session 2: Corporate Governance & Directors Responsibilities

Panel discussion regarding the following:

- Duties and responsibilities of directors
- Board composition and diversity
- Conflicts of interest and related party transactions

**Mr Sam Shivute
NamRA Commissioner**

Sam joined NamRa over 2 years ago before serving as the Chairperson of the Council of the University of Namibia. His governance experience grew from being a director at the Bank of Namibia, a member of the APRM and chairperson of the National Housing Enterprise.



**Mr Gavin Frey
CEO Allan Gray Orbis Foundation**

Gavin holds a Bachelor of Accounting (CTA) and Master in Business Administration from the University of Stellenbosch. He is a qualified Chartered Accountant with extensive experience in the financial services sector.



**Ms Vincia Cloete
NICG Executive Director**

Vincia serves as Executive Director of the NICG and has extensive experience as a legal advisor and company secretary. She completed her legal practitioner candidacy at Kanguuehi & Kavendjii Inc Legal Practitioners.



**Prof Jacob Nyambe
UNAM Executive Dean of the Faculty of
Commerce, Management and Law**

Jacob is a reputable figure in the realm of economics and is a distinguished leader in his field. He has contributed significantly to research and academic discourse and his expertise spans various areas of economics.



10:00 - 10:30

Comfort break

10:30 - 11:15

Session 3: Share Capital, Shares and Shareholders

Panel discussion regarding the following:

- Share capital structure and classes of shares
- Shareholders' rights and protection of minority shareholders
- Dividends, capital maintenance and share buybacks

**Mr Tiaan Bazuin
CEO Namibian Stock Exchange**

Tiaan is the CEO since 2013 and has served on various boards, including Chairman of the Namibian Employers Association and chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee of the Law Society of Namibia and a Board member of the Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund.



**Mr Edward Dunaiki
Senior Partner, Holborn Assets**

Edward has extensive experience in financial services and private wealth and holds a BCom with a major in Financial Planning. He was a Wealth Manager at Capricorn Asset Management and an Old Mutual Financial Advisor.



**Ms Patience Kanalelo
Head of Legal, Mobile Telecommunications
Company**

Patience holds a LLB (Hons) degree from Rhodes University and has extensive experience as an admitted legal practitioner.



11:15 - 12:00

Session 4: Mergers, Acquisitions and Corporate Restructuring

Panel discussion regarding the following:

- Regulations on mergers, acquisitions and takeovers
- Due diligence and disclosure requirements
- Corporate restructuring and insolvency procedures

**Ms Soini Shipefi, Financial Manager,
Westair Aviation (Pty) Ltd**

Soini holds the designations CA(NAM) and BAP(SA). She previously worked at BDO Namibia as an auditor and serves as a mentor at Endunamoo Institute.



**Mr Christiaan Cronje
Director, Cronje Inc**

Christiaan is a Namibian Commercial Attorney and founder and director of Cronjé Inc. He serves as a director and trustee on a number of prominent Namibian institutions.



**Mr Pius likwambi
Legal Officer DBN**

Pius holds an LLB Honors, a Masters of Laws LLM specializing in International Trade Law, a Postgraduate Diploma in Drafting and Interpretation of Contracts. He was previously employed by the Competition Commission as a Senior Legal Analyst in the Enforcement, Exemptions and Cartels Unit.



12:00 - 13:00

Lunch break

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Panel discussion regarding the following:

- Overview of key changes and disclosure requirements
- Strengthening of the regulatory framework
- Impact on SMEs financial reporting and accounting standards
- Role of auditors and audit committees
- Disclosure requirements and transparency

Mr Elijah Mafanire
Audit Quality Inspections Manager
Public Accountants' and Auditors' Board

Elijah is a qualified Chartered Accountant as well as a Registered Public Accountant and Auditor that spent eight years at Deloitte, before joining the PAAB.



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Ms Veneranda Mahindi, NAMFISA Manager
Pension Funds & Friendly Societies

Veneranda is Registered Accountant and Auditor with over 15 years of experience. She also has an MPhil in Development Finance and serves on the ICAN Public Sector Committee.



Ms Michelle Naobes, Credit Manager
Development Bank of Namibia

Michelle is a member of ICAN and PAAB and as a seasoned finance professional has over 16-years experience in various audit, finance, compliance and development finance roles.



Mr Keanan van Wyk
Audit Supervisor PKF Financial Services

Keanan is Registered Accountant and Auditor with over 7 years of experience, as well as a Chartered Certified Accountant with ACCA.



14:15 - 15:00

Session 6: Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Sustainability

Panel discussion regarding the following:

- Integrating CSR and environmental sustainability in the corporate framework
- Reporting standards and disclosure requirements
- Balancing stakeholders interest and corporate values

Ms Emilie Iyambo-Lenga

GIPF ESG Analyst: Investments

Emilie is an ESG specialist with over 10 years of experience in sustainability, Entrepreneurship, Mining and Renewable Energy Sectors.



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Comfort break

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15:30 - 16:30

Session 7: The Future of Corporate Law in Namibia

Panel discussion regarding the following:

- Recap of key takeaways from the panel discussions
Building consensus on the proposed changes
- Implementation timeline and next steps for the corporate law reform process

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Closing and Cocktail Function



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