“There will be no government school without electricity in the next five years” says Joseph Iita, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Mines and Energy
(16 April 2012)

Theme: Sustainable Energy for All (SE4A)

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In response, the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, with support from UN-Energy and the United Nations Foundation, is leading a new global initiative – Sustainable Energy for All. This initiative will engage governments, the private sector, and civil society partners globally with the goal of achieving sustainable energy for all, and to reach three major objectives by 2030: 1) ensuring universal access to modern energy services, 2) doubling the rate of improvement in energy efficiency, 3) doubling the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.

Focus for the DDF Series 3a: The purpose of this DDF series is to discuss pertinent sustainable development issues, specifically Namibia’s path to sustainable energy for all with a focus on Rural Electrification, off Grid Electrification, the establishment and roles of Green Building Council Namibia (GBCNA) and to discuss how energy can be a vehicle to address Gender and Poverty.
Date: Monday, 14 May 2012
Time: 07h25-13h00
Venue: Protea Hotel Furstenhof Hotel. Nr. 4 Dr. Frans Indongo Street. Windhoek

Director of Ceremonies: Ms. Selma-Penna Utonih, Director of Energy

07:25 Arrival, Registration & Breakfast Served
07:40 Arrival of Hon Minister of Mines and Energy, UN Resident Coordinator, Rector of the Polytechnic of Namibia

08:00 Welcome to Sustainable Energy Access for All
Prof. Tjama Tjivikua, Rector, Polytechnic of Namibia

08:20 UNDP Development Dialogue Forum™ Series
Mr. Musinga T Bandora, Resident Representative, UNDP Namibia

08:50 Official Opening Remarks, Keynote Address
Honourable Minister Isak Katali, Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME)

09:00 Rural Electrification (Grid & Off-grid) – status and experiences in improving modern energy access in rural areas in Namibia
Mr. Joseph S. Iita- Permanent Secretary (MME)

09:30 Discussion
- Challenges for Rural Electrification (Grid & Off-grid)

09:55 Health Break

10:10 Access to modern clean energy services - a vehicle to gender imbalance and poverty reduction in Namibia
Catherine Uunona, Consulting Services Africa (CSA)

10:30 Green Building Council Namibia (GBCNA) – role in sustainable energy for all goal and its establishment process
Ms. Nina Maritz, Chairperson GBCNA Associated Working Group

11:00 Discussion
- Challenges for accessing and scaling up modern energy services for all
- Better strategies and technologies for improving access to all
Moderated by: Mr. Kudakwashe (Kuda) Ndhlukula, Coordinator, REEEI

12:15 Closing Remarks
Director of Ceremony

12:30 Lunch

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