



## DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE FORUM SERIES 4A

***“Starvation is the characteristic of some people not having enough food to eat. It is not the characteristic of there not being enough food to eat” – Amrtya Sen***

### **Theme: TOWARDS A FOOD SECURE NATION – within the context of National Development Plan (NDP) 4**

Towards a Food Secure Nation – within the context of National Development Plan (NDP) 4 is presented by the Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Institute of Namibia (REEEI) at the Polytechnic of Namibia with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as part of the Development Dialogue Forum (DDF) series. The DDF series is an initiative of the Polytechnic of Namibia (PoN) and the UNDP that aims to create a platform for dialogue and discussion among a range of stakeholders including Government, the private sector, academia, non-governmental organisations and development partners on a number of development challenges.

The main goal of this initiative is to inform stakeholders on the importance of food security for development in the Namibian context and the challenges which the country faces in this regard.

Being heavily reliant on food imports to meet domestic demand, and since subsistence farming is the main source of income for an estimated 40 percent of rural households, Namibia faces severe challenges in terms of food security in the face of an impending global food crisis which is largely driven by drought and a heat wave in the United States of America, the world’s largest producer of corn and wheat.



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The Namibian Government recently launched the country's fourth strategic plan the National Development Plan (NDP) 4, which prioritises the agricultural sector together with tourism, logistics and manufacturing for public investments over the medium-term.

The main focus of the DDF Series 4A is to discuss pertinent sustainable development issues, with a specific focus on Namibia's path to national food security in the context of NDP 4 as well as the current international food security situation. To this end, REEEI has brought together a range of distinguished speakers from the Namibian Government, the UNDP, academia and civil society to provide their input on this important topic. In so doing REEEI has provided the catalyst to what promises to be a highly informative discussion and debate which will see the sharing of ideas and perspectives on the many development challenges facing Namibia.



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