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# Team Germany

German Organisations Active in Namibia



## Dear Reader,

Since Namibia's independence in 1990 relations with Germany have been particularly intensive. They were and still are marked in particular by:

- Germany's active diplomatic support for Namibia's independence as part of the Contact Group in the framework of the United Nations in the 70's and 80's,
- The common history of the colonial period (1884-1915) and Germany's resulting special moral and political responsibility,
- Close cultural links to the German-speaking community and
- 28 years of sustainable and substantial bilateral development cooperation totaling more than 1 billion Euro, the highest German per-capita development cooperation in Africa.

This brochure shall give an overview of the German organisations which are active in Namibia in the areas of development, cultural and political cooperation and their multi-faceted work.

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# Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR)



Geosciences are an integral part of daily life – much more than we are probably aware of. Clean drinking water, sand and clay for building houses, energy and heat are just as much a part of geoscientific research as protecting human lives from georisks.

**The Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources** is the central geoscientific authority providing advice and information to the German Federal Government in all geoscience-relevant and natural resource issues. It is subordinate to the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi).

For more than 50 years, BGR has implemented Technical Cooperation projects in partner countries of the German Development Cooperation on

behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). BGR cooperates with partner institutions in the geoscience sector such as geological surveys, ministries and regional organisations. BGR's Technical Cooperation helps to satisfy basic human needs, improve economic and institutional efficiency, and protect and manage natural resources in developing countries.

BGR has carried out projects with Namibian Institutions since independence, especially with the Geological Survey of Namibia (GSN) in different fields of geosciences, such as geophysics, environmental and economic geology as well as with the Department of Water Affairs in groundwater investigations in different parts of the country.



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# German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)



**The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)** is a publicly-funded independent organisation of higher education institutions in Germany. The motto of the DAAD is "Change by Exchange" and has given many students and researchers the opportunity to study and work abroad. Each year, the DAAD sends out German Lecturers and German Language Assistants around the globe to teach German at universities all over the world, organise cultural activities and provide scholarship information for students who want to come to Germany to study.

Within the German Section (Department of Language and Literature Studies), both the DAAD Lecturer and the DAAD Language Assistant work at University of Namibia (UNAM). Here, they teach German for students who have just started to take German as a foreign language and also students who have had German as a subject in High School or who have grown up with German as their first language. Furthermore, the language assistant is very involved in organising extracurricular activities within the German Department and is closely assisting the DAAD Lecturer, who offers scholarship counselling at UNAM and Namibia University for Science and Technology (NUST), organises presentations (such as career fairs) and informational meetings about studying in Germany.



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# Deutsche Höhere Privatschule Windhoek (DHPS)



## Local roots, global minds

As a German-Namibian school of encounter, the **DHPS** stands out by its exceptional cultural and linguistic diversity. By offering two different school degrees – the German International Abitur, which is supported by the Federal Republic of Germany and is unique in Namibia, as well as the

NSSC certificate with the German Language Diploma (DSD II) – DHPS literally gives its independent and academically well-trained learners access to the world.

The learners at the DHPS are taught by internationally qualified teachers in a multi-cultural environment. Besides a recognized high academic educational standard a wide variety of extramural activities is offered.

Therefore its learners have many opportunities to experience enriching cross-cultural encounters, starting from kindergarten all the way to Grade 12.

A long tradition as an exceptional school in Namibia combines the DHPS with the values of openness to the world as well as tolerance used as guidance for our pupils.



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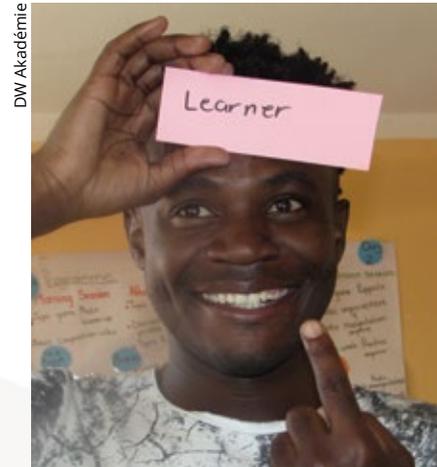
# Deutsche Welle Akademie (DW Akademie)



**DW Akademie** is Germany's leading organisation for international media development and Deutsche Welle's center of excellence for education and knowledge transfer. It supports the development of free and transparent media, quality journalism and media expertise through a broad range of long-term training and consulting projects around the world.

Since Namibia gained independence in 1990, the DW Akademie has worked closely with media professionals across the country. For a long time the focus of this collaboration was radio journalism and broadcasting services of the state broadcaster NBC. However, since 2011 DW Akademie has broadened its activities to include Community Radios and their umbrella organisation NCBN as well as and the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA). Since 2015 DW Akademie is increasing its development support in the field of Media and Information Literacy (MIL) collaborating with the College of the Arts and the Media and Information Literacy Initiative (MILLI\* Namibia).

The overall aim is to increase access to information especially in more remote areas and the quality of journalistic information in different media as well as to enable Namibians to use modern media responsibly.



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# Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (GELC)



The **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (GELC)** with its approximately 4000 members in 14 congregations and their seven pastors and two youth-pastors spread over an area of 823 000 square kilometres, is one of the very small Lutheran churches. Therefore, to find ways to reach out towards each other has and always will be a high priority of the church.

GELC



To maintain the support of the parishioners and their enthusiasm for the Gospel is and remains the steady, persistent and most pressing challenge of the church. This work is not only done by pastors but also by lay preachers trained by the church.

The GELC is an independent church financed by the voluntary contributions of its members. The contributions alone do not cover the running costs and congregations are constantly engaged in finding additional financing to maintain their social activities in their respective towns and communities.

Two youth-pastors - stationed in Windhoek and Swakopmund - focus their work on the youth and children's work. Many of the German-speaking farm children are accommodated in boarding establishments - they are particularly cared for by the youth-pastors. A third youth-pastor position has been established in the central regions of Namibia. The Evangelical Church Germany (EKD) is seconding three pastors from Germany to GELC.

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# Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)



The **Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)** is the oldest political foundation in Germany with a rich tradition dating back to its foundation in 1925. Friedrich Ebert, the founder, served from 1919 to 1925 as the first President of the Weimar Republic. He advocated the development of parliamentary democracy, viewed himself as the president of all Germans, and was committed to a policy geared to social balance and compromise.

FES



Today, FES remains loyal to the legacy of its name-sake and campaigns for the core ideas and values of social democracy: freedom, social justice, solidarity and international cooperation. It has a close connection to the German and international Social Democracy and the Labor Movement.

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FES promotes the advancement of social democracy, in particular by:

- Political educational work to strengthen civil society
- Think Tanks
- International cooperation with our international network of offices in more than 100 countries
- Scholarships for talented young people
- Maintaining the collective memory of social democracy with archives, libraries etc.

In Namibia, the FES supports the work of its partner organisations in the following working areas:

- Political, Economic and Social dialogues
- Social Protection
- Labour Relations
- Youth Development
- Gender Mainstreaming
- Civic Education

Since 2002 the regional FES Media Project fesmedia, is also located in Namibia.

# The German Armed Forces Technical Advisory Group (GAFTAG)



For more than four decades, the German government has been supporting independent peace-keeping capacities in selected African Partner countries through its equipment aid programme. Responsible for implementing the Projects in Namibia is the **German Armed Forces Technical Advisory Group, GAFTAG**.

Namibia has been a partner country since 1992. Up to today, equipment aid agreements to the tune of 30 Million Euro have been signed. On 10 November 2016, Germany and Namibia signed the Seventh Equipment Aid Agreement, which extends the cooperation between the two countries from 2017 until 2020. The current tranche of 6.8 million Euro (roughly 109 million NAD) runs until December 2020.

The main aim of the agreement is the training of Namibian defense personnel in order to improve peace-keeping capacities as well as implement common tactical goals in the area of defense cooperation - for a peaceful and flourishing Africa.



GAFTAG

# Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)



**The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH or GIZ** is a company that specializes in international cooperation for sustainable development. GIZ is owned by the German Federal Government and operates in more than 130 countries. Its headquarters are located in Bonn and Eschborn, Germany. GIZ was established on 1 January 2011 through a merger of the three German organisations Deutscher Entwicklungsdienst (DED), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), and Internationale Weiterbildung und Entwicklung (InWEnt).

GIZ works in a variety of fields, namely: economic development and employment; government, democracy and poverty reduction, education, health and social security, environment and infrastructure, agriculture, fisheries and food. GIZ works primarily with states, state agencies, and the private sector.

GIZ has been working in Namibia on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) since the country gained its independence in 1990. GIZ opened an office in Windhoek in 1994.

GIZ has 31 seconded and 70 national staff working in Namibia in support of its partners. There are also 17 development workers and 19 CIM experts deployed in partner organisations in the field of sustainable development.

Based on the agreement reached between the German and Namibian Governments, GIZ's activities focus on the following priority areas:

- Management of natural resources
- Transport
- Economic development

In addition to the programmes and projects being implemented in these priority areas, we provide project advice in the field of basic education and health (HIV/AIDS).



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# Goethe-Institut Namibia



The **Goethe-Institut Namibia** is the Federal Republic of Germany's cultural institute, active worldwide. We promote the study of the German language abroad and encourage international cultural exchange. We have been present in Namibia since 2016, following the successful work of a Goethe-Centre.

Goethe-Institut Namibia offers German, Afrikaans and Oshiwambo language courses and is the official centre for internationally accepted German language examinations. With our library and information department, we provide access to information about contemporary life in Germany and offer a space for reading, joint learning, co-working and stage the readings of popular German and English literature. Our cultural department connects Namibia's artists with new ideas and artistic approaches from Germany and other African countries. We organise concerts, theatre plays, showcase dance pieces and facilitate fine arts encounters.

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# Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF)



The **Hanns Seidel Foundation** is a German non-profit organisation operating in over 60 countries across the world. Our work is largely funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development. In Southern Africa, Hanns Seidel Foundation has offices in Windhoek and Johannesburg. Its Namibia office dates back to 1978 and is supporting Namibia's democratic transition.

The Hanns Seidel Foundation is operating in four main areas:

- Socio-Political Development,
- Sustainable Economic Development,
- Good Governance and
- Environmental Awareness.

The Foundation is building onto and supporting the efforts of the Namibian government to consolidate civic education, public discourse and environmental awareness as part of the Namibian development plan. The Foundation is dedicated to positively contributing to a politically and socially, environmentally and economically stable Namibia promoting democracy, the rule of law, peace, good governance and sustainable economic development.

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The Namibia-Angola country office of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) in Windhoek is one of 80 international offices that KAS is operating all over the world. The Konrad Adenauer Foundation Namibia-Angola is responsible for different projects in both countries. Together with public institutions, parties, civil society organisations and selected partners, the office works towards the implementation and the reinforcement of the KAS development goals, which are the strengthening of human rights, democracy, the rule of law and social market economy and the fight against climate change.

In the future, KAS Namibia-Angola will also support undertakings that deal with the topic of migration and the abatement of its root causes in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Furthermore, the office is also responsible for the release of numerous publications on above mentioned topics as well as for the organisation of conventions, workshops and public debates on a regular base that serve the purpose of bringing together relevant social multipliers and strengthen the dialogue between science, politics, economy and society.



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# KfW Development Bank



KfW is a German government-owned development bank, based in Frankfurt. It is the world's largest national development bank, as well as, by total assets, the third largest bank in Germany. KfW and its subsidiaries DEG, KfW Development Bank and KfW IPEX-Bank form the KfW Banking Group.

The KfW Development Bank, on behalf of the German Federal Government, and primarily the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), finances and supports programmes and projects that mainly involve public sector players in developing countries and emerging economies – from their conception and execution to monitoring their success. Its goal is to help their partner countries fight poverty, facilitate economic development, protect the environment, address climate change and shape globalisation in an appropriate way.

In Namibia, the KfW Development Bank supports project activities in the focal areas Natural Resource Management, Transport and Sustainable Economic Development. The portfolio also includes projects in the field of energy and water.

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# Senior Experten Service (SES)



The **SES** is a German non-profit organisation which has been in existence for more than 30 years. SES has 12,000 retired specialists and executives registered in its database and they are assigned to carry out short term assignments of between 3 weeks to 6 months.

The senior experts work on a voluntary basis and dispose of profound professional and life experience while boosting sustainable economic and social development.

So far assignments focus on but are not limited to:

- Professional training and skill development of technical and executive staff
- Development of sales and marketing strategies
- Workflow optimization
- Enhancing environmental protection and occupational safety
- Quality management and
- Modernization

The SES concentrates heavily on capacity building and operates according to demand and need. Therefore potential clients have to kick-start the process by submitting a formal application (Request for assignment).

To date, 35,000 missions have been accomplished in 160 countries.

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On behalf of the Federal Foreign Office and in close cooperation with the *Länder*, the **Central Agency for Schools Abroad (Zentralstelle für das Auslandsschulwesen, ZfA)** supports educational work abroad. It organises the placement and employment of teachers at German schools and educational institutions around the world and supports them in organisational, pedagogical and staff-related matters. Apart from that, the ZfA provides assistance to other schools in the respective educational system where the German Lan-

guage Certificate (DSD) can be acquired. The ZfA is responsible for the design and the evaluation of these examinations, overseeing their distribution and implementation at the accredited DSD schools.

In Namibia, the following schools are supported by the ZfA: Deutsche Höhere Privatschule Windhoek (German school abroad), Delta Secondary School Windhoek (DSD school) and Namib High School Swakopmund (DSD school).

Within the scope of the foreign cultural and educational policy of Germany, the ZfA focuses on: strengthening the contact with the culture and society of the host country, providing schools for German children abroad, promoting the German language as well as enhancing the attractiveness of Germany as a location for higher education and business.



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**The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Namibia** is located in Windhoek and serves to further strengthen the relationship between Namibia and Germany as well as promoting German interests and informing about Germany. The consular section has a visa department to provide service for Namibian residents seeking a visa for a visit to Germany. It also helps Germans living in Namibia by giving assistance in all consular matters.

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The economic section promotes bilateral relations and informs about business opportunities in Germany as well as in Namibia. As development cooperation is a key sector of the relationship between Namibia and Germany, the section for development cooperation coordinates the implementation of a wide range of projects in cooperation with Namibian partners through various German implementation agencies. Since Namibian Inde-

pendence, Germany provided approximately one Billion EURO for development cooperation with Namibia. This makes Namibia the highest per capita recipient of German development cooperation in Africa.

In addition to this, the Embassy - through the cultural section - not only informs about cultural life in Germany, but also promotes the German Language, Namibian artists as well as projects that are aimed at preserving Namibian cultural heritage. The cultural section supports the development of sports education by offering various coaching courses in Germany to Namibian athletes and trainers.



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