

# WCEF2025 Windhoek Side event, 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2025

Venue: Village, Windhoek

## PROGRAMME

*Directors of Ceremonies: Claudia Boamah Capelao, NIPDB*

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Arrival & Registration<br>(Arrival tea and snack)   |
| 09.00 – 09.15 | Opening remarks, Leena Viljanen, the Ambassador of Finland to Namibia   |
| 09.15 – 09.30 | Keynote Speech, Mr. Peter Shivute, Executive Director, MSME Development and Export Promotion, NIPDB   |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | Welcome remarks, Marleena Ahonen, Specialist, Circular Economy & International Programmes, SITRA  |
| 10:00 – 11:30 | Panel Discussion<br><i>Theme: <b>Business opportunities and innovations in sustainable circular economy in Namibia</b></i><br><i>Moderator: Mr. Gerold Dryer, MSME Market Access &amp; Export Promotion</i><br><i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Yvette Hausiku</b>, Business Development Executive, Environmental Investment Fund</li><li>• <b>Dave Russell</b>, Namibia Ocean Cluster</li><li>• <b>Linna Nantinda</b>, Namibian Environmental Education Network</li><li>• <b>Sacky Nalusha</b>, Kaoko Green Energy Solutions</li><li>• <b>Gideon Hengari</b>, City of Windhoek</li></ul> |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | <b>Networking Lunch</b>   |
| 12:30 – 12:35 | Stream starts, house rules  |
| 12:30 – 13:45 | <b>Stream Session 1.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Developing essential skills for circularity</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Shifting to a circular economy creates new job opportunities, but also requires specialized skills, making reskilling, training and education crucial. Understanding the needs of the market and society, developing modern curricula and guaranteeing adequate professional training are pivotal ways to achieve this.</li></ul></li></ul>  |
| 13:45 – 14:15 | Coffee/tea <b>break</b>   |
| 14:15 – 15:30 | <b>Stream Session 2.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Accelerating the just energy transition with a responsible critical minerals lifecycle</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The global demand for critical energy transition minerals is expected to triple by 2030. This session will share how circular economy approaches can generate meaningful sustainable development dividends for, and respect for the rights of, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and societies,</li></ul></li></ul>   |

particularly those most affected by mining activities, across the entire mineral value chain.

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