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THE STANDARD BANK MUSIC FESTIVAL WAS A HIT!

SB09 was a huge success! The three-day festival that included live music performances, food stalls, outdoor games, and soccer matches, attracted thousands of people. The event was revived at the UNAM stadium on the 23 – 25th September 2022, after having been cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic that brought the Namibian entertainment industry to a complete standstill. This was the first of a 3-year partnership between Standard Bank and Mshasho.

Social media was singing King Tee Dee's praises for once again pulling off an amazing event, this time around in collaboration with Standard Bank. The festival is a 100% Namibian born initiative. Highlights from that weekend were noticeably the performance from South African performer Makhadzi, who had the entire stadium fawning over her amazing stage presence, dance moves and hit songs. The main attraction on Saturday was King Tee Dee who headlined the show and brought out none other than Gazza to share the stage with him. Other popular names who graced the stage at the festival were Tate Buti, Top Cheri, Exit, Yeezir, DJ Castro and DJ Alba just to mention a few.

Standard Bank is proud to contribute to the growth of the Namibian Entertainment Industry and provide a platform for artists to expose their talents which will hopefully transform into lucrative careers in the future. It Can Be.



THE NAMIBIAN NEWSPAPER CUP, POWERED BY STANDARD BANK.

The 20th edition of the Namibian Newspaper Cup brought to you by Standard Bank took place in Oshakati on Heroes Day weekend from the 26th of August to the 28th of August 2022.

The event that boasted a combination of over 500 soccer and netball players, was a highlight in the Oshakati events calendar. After a two-year hiatus as a consequence of the covid 19 pandemic, we were finally able to create this platform to put the sportswomen and sportsmen back on the field.

Over fifty players and officials were rewarded for outstanding performance in their matches. It was a momentous win for the Zambezi region team who made it to the finals for the first time in Newspaper Cup history. They truly showed perseverance throughout the tournament and proved that anything is possible. Zambezi was previously ranked as one of the weakest teams in the league.

The stadium hosted an average of 3000 spectators a day and the energy in the venue was electric. The spectators were truly immersed into the matches and the roaring in the stadium in support of their favorite teams was thrilling.

This was an opportunity for Standard Bank to plow back into the community in line with our purpose; Namibia is our home; we drive her growth. Sport provides people, especially the youth, with a purpose; something to look forward to, to be good at, to enjoy, and be a part of a team. A team of people where they can be exposed to positive peer pressure and share a goal, a goal to excel, to WIN!

Standard Bank contributed NAD1 million to the event in hopes that we can change the lives of these young athletes and show them we believe and invest in their talents. It Can Be.



THE NAMIBIA SECONDARY SCHOOL RUGBY SEASON ENDS ON A HIGH!

The Namibian Secondary School Rugby (NSSR) league made an annual return with Standard Bank as the main tournament sponsor. The Standard Bank Namibian Secondary School Rugby Super League recently concluded after an absence of interactive sporting activities due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the excitement of secondary school sport was highly welcomed.

The tournament saw a total of 65 teams and over 35 high schools take part in the various age categories, U'14 – 6 teams, U'15 – 23 teams, and U'19 – 36 teams from various secondary school across Namibia. The league is aimed at showcasing schools' rugby as a sport in Namibia and identifying talented young players for the future, giving them a pathway to the national teams. The Under-19 super league finals took place at the Windhoek Gymnasium School with the host in the finals against Windhoek Afrikaans Private School, Windhoek Gymnasium won the finals to defend the previous title holders by a single point, with a last-minute penalty in front of the post.

‘Creating a platform for secondary school rugby encourages young players to grow and build character on and off the field. Due to the short season, players learned to endure, learned to be disciplined, and augment teamwork’ said Mr. Daniels, the NSSR rugby chairperson. The event was fully embraced by the both the players, coaches, and parents, as the return of the school rugby meant the players are back on top performing stages again.

Daniels added that “Learners can compete in school rugby again at the highest level and can look forward to being selected to National Schools Rugby teams. Through rugby, children can develop the capability to analyse and deduce general principles in life which can in turn boost their social and physical agility.”



NBT4HOPE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STANDARD BANK WAS A BEAUTIFUL SUCCESS.

Namibia's biggest Tea Party for Hope hosted an absolutely beautiful event in Windhoek at the WHS Vegkop Stadium on the 8th of October 2022. The event attended by over 100 women hosted an all-female line-up of speakers, including doctor and public speaker Esperance Luvindao, CEO of the MVA Fund Rosalia Martins-Hausiku and breast cancer survivor, Janene Aiman.

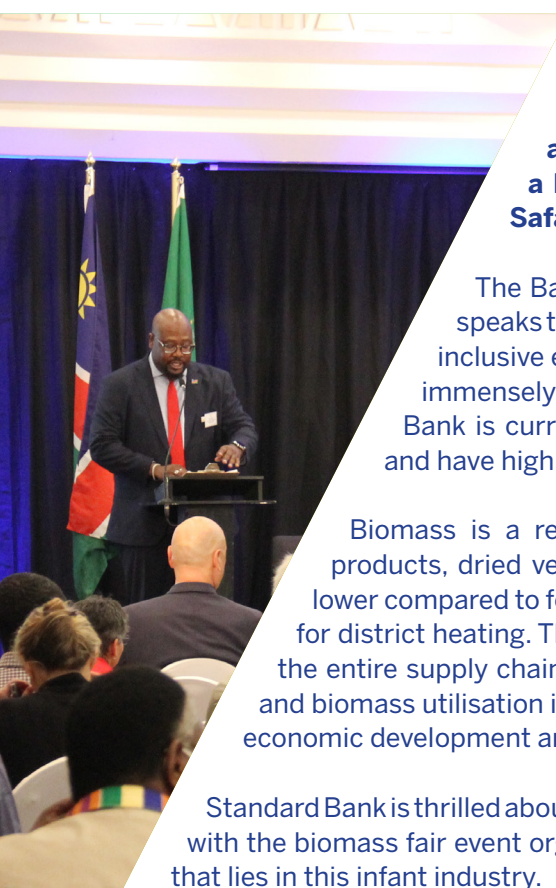
The event was filled with so much emotion and acted as a cathartic experience for many as the tears filled their eyes listening to the different testimonies of loss and triumph that came with dealing with cancer in their lives. The ladies adorned fancy dresses and wore lovely garden hats, held hands, and sang together. There were also performances by Gospel singer Maranatha, singer Chikune and the popular duo Ethnix that respectively moved the audience.

Standard Bank is proud to have been a partner of an event that so greatly impacts people's lives. Proceeds from Namibia's Biggest Tea Party for Hope are used towards providing breast and cervical cancer screenings for less fortunate women who can otherwise not afford these services, and we are proud of the work done by the organization and the lives that continue to be impacted by the work they do. Standard Bank has been the main sponsor of the event for four years and together we have raised more than N\$ 75,000.00. Till date this event has provided health services for over 1000 women.

As we strive toward growing Namibia, collaborative initiatives such as this greatly contribute to that goal. It Can Be.



THE STANDARD BANK BIOMASS FAIR 2022



The Biomass Fair is an annual event showcasing the growing biomass sector in Namibia and the region. The event is an excellent opportunity for networking and sharing knowledge and best practices in bush control and biomass utilisation. This year's Biomass Expo, themed "Discovering a New Decade for Biomass," was held on 7 and 8 September 2022 at the Safari Hotel in Windhoek and was proudly sponsored by Standard Bank.

The Bank's involvement in the Biomass Sector is intentional due to the fact that it speaks to its core purpose. Standard Bank Namibia is a driving force for sustainable and inclusive economic growth. Investing in platforms such as the biomass fair contributes immensely to the bank's purpose; "Namibia is our home; we drive her growth." Standard Bank is currently investigating and financing many domains of clean renewable energy and have high expectations for the future of these resources including biomass.

Biomass is a renewable source of energy obtained from organic matter such as wood products, dried vegetation, and crop residues. Its emission levels are said to be significantly lower compared to fossil fuels. Energy from Namibian biomass could help us phase out coal faster for district heating. The condition for this is that a social and ecological balance is ensured across the entire supply chain. This is a great step forward towards the ambition to upscale bush control and biomass utilisation in Namibia. The bush biomass sector has the potential to contribute to socio-economic development and an inclusive bio-economy for Namibia.

Standard Bank is thrilled about the opportunity that biomass has to offer in its community. The collaboration with the biomass fair event organisers helps Standard Bank to educate people on the endless possibilities that lies in this infant industry.

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