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P R E S S S T A T E M E N T

**IUM REORGANISATION AT SWAKOPMUND/WALVIS BAY
CAMPUSES**

The International University of Management (IUM) is in the process of strategic expansion of its academic programmes, research and consultancy services to the different regional clusters of the country. The expansion involves growth in the Kavango regions, the Northern regions and the Coastal regions of our country.

IUM has recently completed construction of a campus at the Nkurenkuru town, which has now ultra-modern facilities to cater for the two Kavango regions, Zambezi region, Oshikoto region, Angola and Zambia.

Also the additional renovation and expansion of Ongwediva Campus in the Oshana region will be completed and handed over to IUM by the end of January 2017. The Ongwediva Campus will cater for the Ohangwena, and Omusati regions.

Grasping the broad strategic thrust outlined above is essential in order to understand and appreciate what might happen at individual campuses including Swakopmund and Walvis Bay Campus. As regard the coastal areas, IUM strategic plan is to transform the Swakopmund Campus into a Research, Consultancy and Short Course Centre of high repute and construct a regional academic campus in Walvis Bay which has a bigger student population and is better equipped to handle a bigger number of students. The regional campus will cater for Swakopmund, Henties Bay, Arandis and Walvis Bay.

Initially the University had hoped to implement the strategic policy decisions immediately, however, due to time constraints, the transfer of the academic

programmes from Swakopmund Campus to Walvis Bay Campus is scheduled to be gradually implemented and only finalized by 2020.

IUM wishes to clarify here, however that, the transfer of the said programmes from the Swakopmund Campus to that of Walvis Bay will not take place this academic year, 2017. For this academic year the status quo remain as it is. Therefore , academic students who are already enrolled and or are enrolling with the Swakopmund IUM campus this year are not affected in any way by this decision.

To be noted, however, is the fact that this year's academic enrollment at the Swakopmund IUM campus is the last and that as of next year, 2018; there shall be no first year academic enrollment at the IUM Swakopmund campus except for the short courses under CIIP, as Swakopmund IUM campus is earmarked to be the IUM Centre of Research, Consultancy and short courses and other tailor made programmes for the whole country, the SADC region and beyond.

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