



REMARKS

BY

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**DURING THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE MOU BETWEEN THE CITY OF
WINDHOEK AND IUM**

**24TH JULY 2024
CITY OF WINDHOEK**

- **Her Worship Queen Omagano Kamati, Mayor of the City of Windhoek,**
- **Mr. Moses Matyayi, Chief Executive Officer, of the City of Windhoek,**
- **Dr. Hendrina Udjombala, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Administration and Management at IUM,**
- **Prof. Charles Makanyeza, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Research, and Innovation at IUM,**
- **Distinguished Honourable Members of the City of Windhoek Management Committee here present,**
- **IUM Executive Committee Members present,**
- **Mr. Sioni Iikela, Dean of the Faculty of Environment and Sustainable Tourism,**
- **Distinguished Invited Guests,**
- **Members of the Media,**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**
- **All Protocols Observed**

A very good morning to you.

I bring to you very warm Greetings from the IUM Founder and Chairman of the Governing Council, Hon. Prof. Dr. David Richard Namwandi, on whose behalf and that of the Governing Council and the IUM Management, and with great pleasure, that I am here today to sign this important Memorandum of Understanding between the International University of Management (IUM) and the City of Windhoek.

This collaboration marks a significant milestone in our shared commitment to advancing education, research, and community development. As you all know, Universities the world over are agents of change and thus they are there to catalyze socio-economic development in their countries through education, training, research, development and innovation, and community service. If they don't do just that then they do not deserve to exist.

The partnership between our two institutions is designed to foster a robust exchange of knowledge and expertise, aimed at enhancing curriculum development and capacity building in both institutions. By working together on practical training, job attainment and student internships, we are committed to providing our students with invaluable real-world experience and improving their career prospects.

Furthermore, our envisaged joint efforts in research, development, and innovation, will drive progress and address critical issues affecting our community. We also look forward to collaboration on strategy and policy research to inform and guide effective governance and sustainable development.

Environmental Management is another key area where our partnership will make a meaningful impact. By leveraging our combined resources and expertise, we aim to promote sustainability and address the environmental challenges facing our city and beyond.

Director of Ceremonies
Ladies and Gentlemen

This Memorandum of Understanding signifies a shared vision and a collaborative spirit. We are excited about the opportunities this partnership will create and are confident that together we can achieve remarkable outcomes for our community and future generations.

Many thanks to the City of Windhoek for your commitment to this partnership, and IUM looks forward to the fruitful collaboration ahead.

Thank you