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## MINISTRY OF SPORT, YOUTH AND NATIONAL SERVICE

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### SPORT MUSEUM UNDERWAY



**Hon. Uutoni with the management of Sports Commission & National Museum of Namibia**

Namibia, as a country, is known for its diverse beauty and untapped potential. Museums are known to be the institutions that document, host and exhibit a nation's past.

This is done to inform visiting foreign tourists and the locals of the country's past. Sport worldwide is a billion dollar industry, which needs sufficient funding.

In pursuing an agenda of resuscitating this great untapped industry, the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service through its Minister, Honourable Erastus Uutoni, decided to establish a National Sport Museum. Hon. Uutoni believes that it is of great importance to establish a sport museum that would showcase the achievements of Namibia's sports greats that have helped put Namibia on the international map. This concept, will not only preserve their legacy, but will inspire the country's future generations. "A sport museum would be ideal for locals and tourists to learn and know about the achievements and history of sport in Namibia as well as the athletes that excelled in their respective disciplines," said Hon. Uutoni.

The Director of the National Museum of Namibia, Ms. Esther Moombolah-Goagoses welcomed the initiative, indicating that the concept of establishing a sport museum has been discussed before but so far has not been implemented. Additionally, she implored that the process integrate traditional sports. "Your display should not be limited to only modern sport,

but should capture the origin of traditional sport.” Furthermore, she also advised that the sport museum be an interactive display, to keep up with the latest technology trends.

The Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service, has identified the Katutura Multi-Purpose Youth Resource Centre as the venue to host the National Sport Museum. Hon. Erastus Utoni was accompanied by Ms. Jo-Ann Manuel, Deputy Director of Marginalised People and Women in Sport, Mr. Joel Matheus, Chairperson of Namibia Sports Commission and Mr. Freddy Mwiya, Chief Administrator: Namibia Sports Commission.