

The Harold Pupkewitz Graduate School of Business (HP-GSB) at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) recently held its annual Alumni & Friends function featuring First Lady of Namibia Madame Monica Geingos and motivational speaker and executive coach Sam Shivute. The event was held in partnership with Namibia Media Holdings, Namibia Press Agency (Nampa) and the Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The event was sponsored by Bidvest Namibia, Standard Bank, Roads Authority, The Pupkewitz Foundation, Development Bank of Namibia, Air Namibia, and ConSoAV.



Madame Geingos delivered an inspiring, wide-ranging speech that touched on entrepreneurship and wealth creation, as well as programmes offered by her One Economy Foundation. She urged the audience and HP-GSB graduates to actively plan for their own personal wealth in order to avoid being in precarious financial situations: "Many people don't regard themselves as poor but they are. The only thing standing between them and poverty is their pension. A person who is wealthy is a person who knows, 'If I lose everything I have now, my assets are more than my liabilities and I don't need a monthly salary.' That's the true measure of your wealth: how long can you survive without having to work? The way to manage it is by managing your debt." She also encouraged the audience to take a conscious approach to success in life, career and entrepreneurship, and to learn to manage their emotions. "You cannot just decide that you are going to be successful, you must actively plan for it. And you must live your life accordingly. In everything that you do, you need to think about future implications. Ask yourself, 'how will this look in ten years' time?' We need to start managing ourselves."



HP-GSB Director Prof. Grafton Whyte, First Lady of Namibia Madame Geingos, NUST Vice Chancellor Prof. Tjama Tjivikua, HP-GSB MBA Director Prof. Samuel Mensah, and HP-GSB Executive Education Manager Cynthia Kauami.



Siggi Kamenjono was one of two guests to win a return business class ticket to Frankfurt in a special Air Namibia draw held on the evening.



HP-GSB Director Prof. Grafton Whyte shared the HP-GSB's 2016 highlights. The HP-GSB graduated 32 students in its Master of Leadership and Change Management (MLCM), Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of International Business (MIB) programmes.



(From left) Nampa CEO Isack Hamata, Air Namibia Manager: Revenue Accounting Franchia Menjono, Development Bank of Namibia Senior Portfolio Manager Hellen Amupolo, NUST Vice Chancellor Prof. Tjama Tjivikua, First Lady of Namibia Madame Monica Geingos, HP-GSB Director Prof. Grafton Whyte, Pupkewitz Foundation CEO Meryl Barry, Namibia Media Holdings GM: Publications Arrie Hougaard, Roads Authority Senior Manager: Legal Services Evelyn Zimba-Naris, motivational speaker and executive coach Sam Shivute, Standard Bank Chief Information Officer Pieter Kruger.



Student testimonial: HP-GSB alumna Evelyn Zimba-Naris shared her journey navigating the HP-GSB MBA.



Namibia Media Holdings GM: Publications Arrie Hougaard spoke about the mutually-beneficial partnership between NMH and the HP-GSB. "Namibia still faces many social and economic inequalities and both NMH and HP-GSB understand the message to students that we all must take ownership to help Namibia close the gaps caused by inequalities. This is where the partnership between NMH and HP-GSB finds mutual ground. At NMH we feel strongly that the people, and indeed leaders of Namibia, need access to exceptional quality management education in order to understand and implement the Harambee initiative of President Hage Geingob.



Sam Shivute centred his talk on the importance of adopting strategies to boost personal and professional development. He also emphasised the crucial role of personal branding as a tool for expressing and enhancing one's vision and purpose. According to Shivute, 'success' can be broken down the following way: "S=Sense of Purpose, U=Understanding, C=Confidence, C=Creativity, E= Excellence, S=Solutions-focused instead of focusing on problems, S=Service (being of service and focusing on creating value)." Quoting Sedona Method creator Lester Levenson, Shivute reminded the audience that "We are unlimited beings limited only by the concept of limitation that we place in our minds," before signing off with his trademark phrase: "Be unlimited!" Shivute also serves as the Director of Banking Services at the Bank of Namibia.



"Growing and empowering people is at the core of Bidvest Namibia's philosophy. As a group of dynamic companies involved in a diverse range of industries, Bidvest Namibia has a long-standing commitment to promoting and furthering the education of all Namibians. Bidvest Namibia supports the ideals and various components of the Harambee strategy, and actively promotes education and training, entrepreneurship and enterprise development. Bidvest Namibia firmly believes that you are never too old to learn, and as such education, for us, is the foundation of empowering people." - Theo Mberirua, Bidvest Namibia Director: Commercial and Business Development



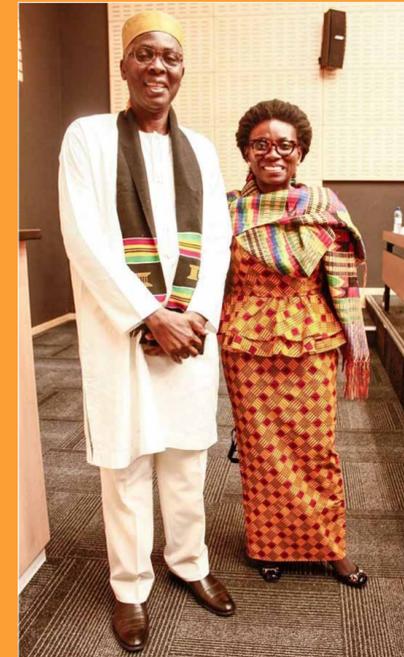
"The Roads Authority is proud to have partnered with the HP-GSB for this praiseworthy initiative that aims to build capacity in the Namibian tertiary education sector and supports the national agenda to become a knowledge-based society." - Hileni Fillemon, Manager: Corporate Communication, Roads Authority.



"The partnership between the Namibia Press Agency (Nampa) and the HP-GSB offers an opportunity for the Namibian narrative to be spread far and wide and for every citizen to contribute to that narrative. The Namibian story, the story of our painful past, the story of optimism and the story of hope for a bright future must be heard and appreciated by all Namibians to inculcate a positive spirit that drives the citizenry to commit to the country's national development goals." - Isack Hamata, Nampa CEO

The High Performance Movement Lecture Series

The HP-GSB held the final installment of its special high profile public lecture series for 2016 under the theme "Corporate Governance Insights." Speaking at the event were African Development Bank Executive Director Mihe Gaomab II who is currently based in Ivory Coast, and Namibian Stock Exchange CEO and NamCode co-author Tiaan Bazuin.



Tiaan Bazuin shared the history and rationale of the NamCode, as well as reflections on the fiduciary liabilities of directors.



Mihe Gaomab II spoke about corporate governance in a pan-African context, based on his perspectives from the AfDB.

The previous lecture was held under the theme "Action-oriented Perspectives in Diplomacy and Private Sector Innovation." High Commissioner of Ghana to Namibia and Botswana, H.E Alhaji Abdul-Rahman Haruna Attah and United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative to Namibia, Ms Anita Kiki Gbeho spoke at the event.



(From left) Pupkewitz Foundation CEO Meryl Barry, AfDB Executive Director Mihe Gaomab II, Namibian Stock Exchange CEO Tiaan Bazuin, HP-GSB Marketing & Communications officer Christine-Rita Abankwah, and HP-GSB Director Prof. Grafton Whyte.