



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

PRESS STATEMENT BY DR. KALUMBI SHANGULA, PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM, AT THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE NEW MET WEBSITE, WINDHOEK, 5 October 2010.

Programme Director,
Members of the Media,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

MET UNVEILS FASTER AND IMPROVED WEBSITE

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) has re-launched its website, improving content, making detailed, current information available in a user-friendly format.

Information flow and participation is essential to the MET, its partners and the public. Therefore the development of a new, updated MET website is an important activity in achieving the Ministry's communication and awareness, aims and objectives.

The website will serve as a central point for sharing and disseminating relevant information to partners and the general public. It will act as one of the main tools to accommodate a continuous exchange of information among partners, allowing them to be informed without delay about Ministry's activities.

Features of the website a new-look, quick-load home page, with current news, a calendar of events, links to partner institutions and downloads of popular items such as park brochures, *Sandpaper* and *Earthbound* magazines. Statements by the Minister of Environment and Tourism are also available online.

The new website is also a repository for important documents such as policies and acts, park profiles, park maps, and the MET's various environmental programmes.

We aim to save people time, money and effort by providing various forms and information online, such as permit application forms, captive wildlife, plant and animal import and export, farm inspections and filming applications.

The MET would like to thank its partner's, the Strengthening the Protected Area Network (SPAN) and the Namibian Coast Conservation and Management (NACOMA) Projects, for their support to the development of this new website.

The website can be viewed at www.met.gov.na and we invite and encourage all Namibians to put it to maximum use.

I thank you.