

## Background information

### Launch of the EAN online document repository 5 February 2018

The Economic Association of Namibia (EAN) was formed in 2012 by a group of economists, who believe that there is great scope for the development of economic discussion and thought in Namibia. EAN provides a forum in which local economists, be they from the private sector, state owned enterprise or government, can interact and share ideas, all within a neutral environment, irrespective of background, or institutional connection. In this vein, the Economic Association looks to bridge the apparent gap between the various players in the local economy, and to open channels for improved dialogue, support and cooperation, particularly between the public and private sectors.

EAN has realised over the years that many statistics, research reports, policies, acts and other documents of socio-economic relevance exist in Namibia, but it is not always easy to locate and access these documents. In particular regarding research reports and consultancy reports this could result in the duplication of work, if previous reports cannot be traced and accessed. Therefore, EAN has started to build a data and publication portal as a long-term project, in order to consolidate and index articles, papers, research reports and data on the Namibian economy. This online document repository aims to consolidate all these reports into a single online location, featuring comprehensive search functions for easy discovery and dissemination. This repository will include publications that are already available online at other institutions as well as publications that were never or are no longer available online. Everyone with interest in Namibia's socio-economic development will have easy access to this broad range of publications. So far, close to 1,800 documents have been uploaded and are accessible. The documents are grouped into 19 categories such as Acts, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics etc.

The documents include among others:

- Statistics such as the Consumer Price Index, National Accounts, Trade Statistics, Balance of Payment etc.,
- Budget documents and Auditor General's reports
- Vision 2030, National Development Plans and policies
- Annual Reports of Ministries and State-owned Enterprises
- Research Reports, Briefing Papers, Policy Briefs etc.

The online document repository is work in progress and additional documents are uploaded continuously. EAN would, therefore, like to invite all institutions and individuals to submit reports, articles and statistics in their possession for inclusion in the directory.

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