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WORLD FOOD DAY MEDIA RELEASE

Namibia joins the rest of the world for the World Food Day celebrations. The 16th of October has been designated as the World Food Day (WFD) by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). FAO choose **“Change the future of migration. Invest in food security and rural development”** as the 2017 WFD theme.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry as the Ministry responsible for food production in the country as well the Ministry of Rural and Urban Development and UN agencies (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP) and International Organisation of Migration (IOM) and other organising partners will be hosting the annual World Food Day event.

In Namibia, the event will be celebrated in all 14 regions of the country, with the main event to be hosted in the Stampriet, Hardap Region on the 19th October 2017. The event will be held under the global theme, **“Change the future of migration. Invest in food security and rural development”**. The theme recognises the negative effects of migration on food security and rural development. In Namibia urban, population

grew by a staggering 49.7 per cent, while rural population shrank by 1.4 percent between 2001 and 2011.

The vision of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry is “to be recognised as the leading contributor to food security, agro-product competitiveness, increased and equitable access to our natural resources for improved livelihood, wellbeing and wealth for all”.

The event, which is observed annually around the world, celebrates the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), on 16th October, 1945, in Quebec City, Canada with the purpose of highlighting global and national efforts to combat world hunger and creating awareness of Global and National food problems with the aim of strengthening solidarity in the struggle against hunger, and malnutrition.


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