

JOINT STATEMENT  
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**Context**

In November 2021, the governments of Namibia and The Netherlands started a structured dialogue on the cooperation in the field of energy resources, specifically in green hydrogen, by signing a Letter of Intent (LoI) between the National Planning Commission of Namibia and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy of The Netherlands. The foundation of this agreement was laid to enhance bilateral cooperation in the field of energy resources on the basis of mutual social, economic and environmental benefit in order to promote sustainable development including decarbonization of both economies.

Over the past period, various forms of collaboration (both G2G and B2B) have been initiated including a Namibia-Europe Supplychain feasibility study by the Port of Rotterdam with Nampower, the development of a Luderitz Port Masterplan by the Port of Rotterdam with Namport and Hyphen, and the development of the 'SDG Namibia One Fund' by the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia, Climate Fund Managers and Invest International.

**Statement**

Building upon this foundation and in response to the Namibian government's invitation to the Port of Rotterdam to become special partner for Namibia's Southern Corridor Development initiative, Namibian and Dutch Government entities confirm intent to work together to develop a cooperation agreement for hydrogen related infrastructure that will lead to new Hydrogen supplychains from Luderitz to Rotterdam and its hinterland. This Letter of Intent is signed by the Namibian Implementation Authority Office, Namport, Nampower, The Port of Rotterdam, Invest International, Gasunie and Hyphen. This cooperation shall support the development of a green economic zone in the Southern Corridor and will aim to create maximum socio-economic value for Namibia. We are convinced that further expanding the existing sustainable and equal partnerships between Namibian and Dutch governments, businesses and knowledge institutions will be essential to accelerate the green hydrogen developments in both countries. With this Letter of Intent, the three Dutch state-owned companies would like to underscore their commitment to further foster, deepen and structure the existing cooperation between Namibia and The Netherlands on green hydrogen in the coming years, with the purpose to develop the hydrogen economy in Namibia and a new export trade relation with The Netherlands and the rest of NW Europe.

In particular value will be added to the development of hydrogen and port infrastructure in Namibia, with this infrastructure being a key enabler of the development of the broader hydrogen economy. In the upcoming period, we are willing and open to jointly discuss and develop a joint working program (knowledge sharing, joint studies, capacity building, etc.) between the relevant Dutch and Namibian stakeholders on the development of a Port Industrial Complex at Luderitz and other relevant common user hydrogen infrastructure where needed in the Southern Corridor Development Initiative (SCDI).

Together we can accelerate the green hydrogen developments in Namibia and The Netherlands and we look forward to making an active contribution towards the achievement of the societal, economical, and climate goals of the common agenda between both countries.

This joint statement does not create any rights or obligations under international law nor any other regulations.

Signed in Windhoek on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 in the English language.

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