

# The Namibian Uranium Association, the Environment and Sustainable Development

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## ABSTRACT

The *Namibian Uranium Association* (NUA) represents the Namibian uranium industry exclusively. Members include all Namibian uranium mining operations, Namibia's leading uranium exploration companies, and associated contractors. NUA is the focal point of contact for all stakeholders interested in the position and policies of the uranium industry. NUA promotes adherence to strong sustainable development performance and product stewardship.

NUA members accept product stewardship as a pillar that supports the concept of Sustainable Development. It ensures that businesses focus on economic development, environmental impact management and social responsibilities through building partnerships throughout the uranium life cycle to ensure that production, use and disposal are consistent with the global sustainable development goals. As part of its stewardship mission, NUA has established the *Namibian Uranium Institute* (NUI). NUI promotes knowledge, specialized skills and capacity building in environmental management, radiation safety and health. NUI provides an opportunity for NUA members to work together to improve safety and health performance through the implementation of world-class leading best practices, and guided by Namibia's Vision 2030, the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and its 17 Global Sustainable Development Goals, the African Consolidated Position on the UN Agenda, and the African Union Agenda 2063.

Most of the Namibian uranium activities occur in the Central Namib, an ecologically sensitive area comprising parts of two National Parks. Mining is vital for the growth of the Namibian economy, and the country must therefore reconcile development objectives and mineral exploitation with environmental protection for its long-term socio-economic growth and stability, so that development of one resource will not jeopardize the potential of another. A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), undertaken by the Namibian Government resulted in a Strategic Environmental Management Plan (SEMP). NUA ensures adherence to strong sustainable development performance through compliance and active participation in this SEMF.

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