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As the annual congresses of the Namibian Agriculture Union (NAU) and the Livestock Producers' Organisation (LPO) did not take place, the management of the NAU and LPO started a schedule of visits to the ten regional agricultural unions. Last week meetings were held in Keetmanshoop, Mariental and Gobabis. Delegates of the farmers' associations of Karasburg, South Western, Keetmanshoop, Mariental and Gobabis regional agricultural unions attended the meetings.

It was a full program and informative discussions took place about rural safety, sheep and beef marketing, VAT issues, predator problems, underground water, land issues and many more.

At the meetings, the NAU and LPO gave feedback from their annual reports. A few of the discussion points of the 2020 congresses were touched on.

Central to the discussion was to reflect on where the livestock sector is going and to obtain proposals from members on how to realise the vision of growth and food self-sufficiency in Namibia. The LPO also discussed the results of a beef value chain study in Namibia with members.

The NAU and LPO management committees would like to thank all the regions for the warm welcome they received during their visits. Every region got the chance to discuss their own issues, inputs and solutions with the management at more informal and smaller meetings.

Reverend Dries Burger accompanied the NAU delegation to talk to members about their adaptability during uncertain and difficult times. His talk was about spiritual perseverance and optimal achievements during trying times and how quickly someone can recover. His contagious humour had everyone laughing. His message was powerful and made a huge impact.

On 2 November, the NAU and LPO management committees will resume their visits to the regions. They will start in Grootfontein, then Otjiwarongo/Outjo, Okahandja and lastly, Windhoek. Complete reports of the discussions and action plans will be sent to stakeholders once all the meetings have been concluded.

NamPower biomass fuel resource survey

NamPower hereby invites farmers to participate in a biomass fuel resource survey. The survey aims to address the supply of wood chips derived from encroacher bush to fuel NamPower's planned 40 MW Otjikoto Biomass Power Station near Tsumeb.

To participate, access the survey link by visiting the NamPower website below:

<http://www.nampower.com.na/biomassmarketsounding.aspx>

A background and instruction document to the project can be downloaded via the same link.

The closing date for the survey is 20 November 2020. The completed survey responses can be emailed to BiomassMarketSounding@nampower.com.na

Trade Fair coming to Southern Africa

In October 2021 Messe München will host a trade fair, **bauma CONEXPO AFRICA 2021** (<https://www.bcafrica.com/en/>), in South Africa. This is sub-Saharan Africa's leading trade fair for construction, mining, agriculture and forestry machines, machinery and vehicles.

Farmers or organisations who would like to exhibit their products and get more information about the fair can download the following documents:

- Visitor flyer: [Click here](#),
- Africa flyer: [Click here](#),
- Application co-exhibitor: [Click here](#),
- Application international: [Click here](#),
- Application national: [Click here](#)

The Southern Africa-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry is the official authorized representative of German industry and trade and as such also represents various trade fairs in southern Africa. They officially represent Messe München, a world-renowned trade fair organizer situated in Munich, Germany.

For more information about Messe München visit their website at <https://messe-muenchen.de/en/>.

For more information about the trade fair contact Katrin Geisler at + 27 11 4862780 or kgeisler@germanchamber.co.za.

Damara Breeders' Association offers course

A junior-level course will be presented on 18 and 19 November 2020 at the Omatjenne research farm at N\$ 450 per person. Registration is to be done via the Association by 13 November. Direct enquiries to Linda Sterkenburg at btgn@afol.com.na at 061 252994.

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Kalkveld FA

They have a members' meeting on 10 November at 08:30 at Farm Onduasú (on the D2493) of Ute & Kurt Kretzschmar. The guest speakers are Stuart Jacobs and Helmut von Seydlitz. Please RSVP by 2 November to Ute Kretzschmar at 081 2931707 or onduasú@iway.na. For more information contact Silke von Gossler at 067 290119 or oru@iway.na.

Karibib FA

Karibib FA will have a meeting on 28 November at 16:30 at the Etusis Lodge. Speakers are Riaan Oberholzer, Tobie le Roux, Adriaan Louw and Dr Herbert Schneider. For more information contact Doris Gladis at 061 237400 or doris@hemconamibia.com.

Agra ProVision courses

DATE	SUBJECT	PLACE	COST
2-3 November	Livestock production	Windhoek	N\$2 750
3-4 November	Applied Animal Health (Session 2)	Windhoek	N\$2 750
5-6 November	Cattle breeding for beginners	Windhoek	N\$2 750
10-11 November	Applied Animal Health (Session 3)	Windhoek	N\$2 750
12-13 November	Animal Feed	Windhoek	N\$2 750
17-19 November	Commercial pig production	Windhoek	N\$3 200
23-24 November	Dry land cultivation	Windhoek	N\$2 750

For more information contact Agra ProVision at 061 290 9208 or apvtraining@agra.com.na

Landbou Joernaal on Channel 7

Saturday morning at 06:00 on *Landbou Joernaal*:

Did you know that there are collars for livestock that track their location, temperature and even whether they are dehydrated? Come listen while Leon Botha tells you more.

- The editor of *Landbouweekblad*, Chris Burgess, talks about the hardships of the South African dairy industry.
- Talks about bees, weather, grazing management and much more.

A re-broadcast of Saturday's *Landbou Joernaal* takes place on Wednesday evenings from 20:00. Channel 7 can also be heard on their website at www.k7.com.na or on their cell phone app or on DStv Audio Channel 825. Enquiries and requests can be sent via SMS to 1023 with the code **landbou**.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker. (Helen Keller)