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ON THE 6TH ORDINARY MEETING OF AFRICAN DIAMOND PRODUCING COUNTRIES ASSOCIATION (ADPA) COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

The Ministry of Mines and Energy will be hosting the 6th Ordinary Meeting of African Diamond Producing Countries Association (ADPA) Council of Ministers. The event will take place on the **08th – 09th July 2019** at Safari Hotel Court & Conference Centre, Windhoek.

The African Diamond Producers Association (ADPA) was established in accordance with the Declaration of Luanda and ADPA Statutes, in November 2006. The key objective for creating ADPA, is to provide African Diamond Producing Countries a platform that would bring together all African Countries under one purpose. During the gathering, member states share experiences and cooperation in the various branches of the Diamond Industry.

The Cabinet of the Republic of Namibia, at its 3rd meeting held on 27 February 2007 resolved that Government ratifies Namibia's compliance to ADPA. Namibia continues to be an effective member until this day.

Namibia was nominated as the Vice Chair for the 6th ADPA Council of Ministers for the year 2018. Subsequently, Namibia will assume Chairmanship for the 6th ADPA Council of Ministers, taking over from Guinea Conakry. The official handover of the Chairmanship will be realised at the 6th Ordinary Meeting of African Diamond Producing Countries Association (ADPA) Council of Ministers.

As per Article 14 of the Internal Regulations of ADPA, "***The Council of Ministers shall meet once a year in ordinary sessions on a rotational basis by the Member States in alphabetical order and extraordinarily whenever is necessary***". During this forum members and observers will have an opportunity to:

- Formulate general policies for the function of ADPA
- Approve the organic structure of ADPA as well as, internal regulations
- Approve and direct the work of the Executive Secretariat, of the Committee of Experts, as well as, any other organ of ADPA
- Follow up the implementation of the policies and decisions of ADPA.

ADPA consists of eighteen (18) member states, of which twelve (12) are effective members and six (6) are observers. Effective members are diamond producing countries that have adhered to the present ADPA Statutes, Namibia being one of them. Observer countries are those that have geological potential of diamonds and may eventually become diamond producers.

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