



PRESS RELEASE

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2024

10H30

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

INVITATION TO THE OPENING OF NEW EXHIBITIONS AND A FASHION SHOW AT THE MUSEUM OF NAMIBIAN FASHION

The Museums Association of Namibia (MAN), in collaboration with the Confronting Colonial Pasts, Envisioning Creative Futures Project partners, the Museum of Namibian Fashion Advisory Board, and the Directorate of Education, Arts and Culture (DoEAC) in the Otjozondjupa Region, is excited to announce the opening of new exhibitions and a fashion show at the Museum of Namibian Fashion. The event, which is open to the public, will take place at **14h00 on Tuesday 22 October 2024, at the Museum of Namibian Fashion in Otjiwarongo. The new exhibitions will be officially opened by Honourable James Unomasa Uerikua, Governor of the Otjozondjupa Region.**

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The Museum of Namibian Fashion showcases the past, present, and future of fashion artefacts from Namibia. It also aims to create workshops, residencies, and other activities to benefit fashion designers and seamstresses, providing training and income-generating opportunities. The museum features seven galleries, organised according to the various materials used to create clothing and accessories. The galleries are as follows: **Beads & Shells, Hair & Headdress, Leather & Skin, Metal Accessories, Plants, Bones & Rocks, Tattoos & Body Scarification and Textiles.** These gallery names are currently translated into **!Xung, Afrikaans, German, Hai //Om, Khoekhoegowab, Oshikwanyama, Oshindonga, Otjiherero, Rukwangali, Setswana and Silozi.** **The museum encourages all visitors to suggest and provide translations for the gallery names in more languages.**

THE NEW EXHIBITIONS

MAN believes that museums should be living organisms that are regularly updated and able to adapt to change. In this spirit, the Museum of Namibian Fashion has collaborated with the Directorate of Education, Arts, and Culture in the Otjozondjupa region to review its exhibitions from April to November 2023. This process involved engaging school language department heads, teachers, and community leaders in Otjiwarongo to assess and provide feedback on the exhibitions. The Museum's Advisory Board further reviewed these updates during meetings in 2024.

PROGRAMME

Date: Tuesday, 22nd October 2024

Time: 14h00

Venue: Museum of Namibian Fashion Building, Otjiwarongo

Director of Ceremonies: Ms Sophia Nuuyuni, Culture Officer, Otjozondjupa Region

Dress Code: Traditional Attire/Namibian Fashion

14h00: Doors Open and Entertainment

Arrival of Guests

15h00: Welcoming Remarks

His Worship Gotlieb Shivute, Mayor of Otjiwarongo

15h10: Introduction and Background to the Project

Ms Maria Caley, Chairperson of the CCP, ECF Project Advisory Board

15h20: The Importance of the Project for Provenance Research and Collaboration

Dr Julia Binter

15h30: Africa Accessioned - Germany and Namibia

Dr Larissa Förster

15h40: *Fashion Show: Scene 1-5*

16h00: Address by the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture

Mr Boyson Ngondo, Deputy Director of National Heritage and Culture Programs

16h10: Keynote Address and the Official Opening of the Museum

Honourable James Unomasa Uerikua, Governor of the Otjozondjupa Region

16h30: *Fashion Show: Scene 6-10*

16h50: Vote of Thanks

Mr. Gerson /Uiseb, Acting Deputy Director: Lifelong Learning, Arts and Culture,
Otjozondjupa Region

17:00 Guided Tours of the Museum and Braai

Mr Kevanhu Alfred Muifi, Curator of the Museum of Namibian Fashion

Ms Ndapewoshali Ndahafa Ilunga, Director of the Museums Association of Namibia

CONTACT US

If you have items, information, or photographs that you believe should be included in the collection of the Museum of Namibian Fashion, please contact Mr Kevanhu Alfred Muifi, Curator of the Museum of Namibian Fashion, at +264 81 896 4039 or via email at po1@museums.com.na.

Although the exhibitions have been updated in 2024 we believe that a Namibian Museum should be organic and regularly updated. Therefore, we encourage all visitors to provide us with feedback, corrections and recommendations once they have viewed the exhibitions. **This is your museum. We look forward to hearing from you.**

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Envisioning Creative Futures project and the
Otjozondjupa Directorate of Education, Arts and Culture
present the...

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NEW EXHIBITIONS & **FASHION SHOW**
AT THE MUSEUM OF NAMIBIAN FASHION

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Tuesday 22nd October 2024 at 15h00

Museum of Namibian Fashion, Otjiwarongo, Namibia
Namibian Fashion/Cultural Attire

Refreshments will be served.

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