



**STATEMENT BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,  
CLLR TREVINO FORBES,**

**AT THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING FOR  
25 JULY 2023, 18:00**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE**

- Honorable Regional Councilors
- Fellow Councilors
- Her Worship the Jnr Mayor of Walvis Bay and her Council
- Mr. John Esterhuizen, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Municipality of Walvis Bay
- Members of Management and staff of the Municipality of Walvis Bay
- Members of the Media
- Ladies and Gentlemen

Good evening

This evening, I would like to give a short progress report on some projects. I am happy to announce that 55 plots have been allocated at Greenvalley last week. With time more people will be allocated to plots. The 102 houses from the Mass Urban land project now have owners.

Two of these houses were allocated to differently able residents of Walvis Bay. This shows the Council's commitment to land delivery to the residents of this town.

As many of the residents might have noticed, the Council has been busy with road rehabilitation and pothole repairs all over Walvis Bay. Soon Council will embark on an interlocking exercise at the intersection of Volstruis Straat and Agaat Street in Kuisebmond. I am sure this will bring much relief to our residents.

Tonight I would also like to bring your attention to three important events taking place in our town in the next 2 weeks. Firstly, I want to inform and encourage all the students, especially the grade 11 and AS Levels, about the upcoming Walvis Bay Career Fair, which will be held tomorrow at the Narraville Community Hall.

This event is part of the Erongo Career fair roadshow which started in Swakopmund today and will be held in Walvis Bay, Karibib and Omaruru. The fair will commence at 8 am and conclude at 4 pm for the Walvis Bay leg, providing students with ample time to explore various career opportunities.

In today's rapidly changing economy, it becomes crucial for students to receive proper career guidance. The Career Fair aims to address this need by bringing together a diverse range of industries and professionals, offering students the chance to interact and gain insights into different career paths.

It is an invaluable opportunity for our students to explore their interests, discover new possibilities, and make informed decisions about their future.

Additionally, I would like to extend information to the public regarding the Walvis Bay Maritime Festival, scheduled to take place on the 4th and 5th of August 2023. This exciting event marks the inaugural festival under the theme "Preserving a Healthy Ocean Ecosystem for a Resilient Economy."

The festival will celebrate our rich maritime heritage and highlight the importance of preserving our oceans for a sustainable and resilient economy. It will feature various activities, exhibits, and educational programs for all age groups.

It is worth highlighting that the Walvis Bay Maritime Festival aims to shed light on the significant contributions of the blue economy to our town's economic growth and development. This event provides a platform for industry players to showcase and share their work, products, and innovations.

The blue economy encompasses a wide range of sectors, including marine transportation, fisheries, renewable energy, tourism, and more.

By showcasing these industries at the Maritime Festival, we hope to demonstrate the diverse opportunities and economic potential that lie within our oceans. The festival will offer insights into the strides our local businesses and organizations have made in harnessing the resources of the sea sustainably.



Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the latest technologies, initiatives, and best practices that are driving economic growth while maintaining the health and vitality of our ocean ecosystem. By engaging with industry professionals and witnessing their work firsthand, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the blue economy's significance and its potential for our town's economic prosperity.

Lastly, I would also like to encourage the businesses and individuals to attend the gala dinner of the upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> Erongo Business and Tourism Expo 2023.

The theme for this year's expo is Innovate, Integrate, industrialize with a focus on encouraging regional and national economy to shift from reliance on natural resources to increased investment in manufacturing processes in order to grow industries for sustainable value chains.

I strongly encourage all students to attend the Walvis Bay Career Fair tomorrow at the Narraville Community Hall, and urge the public to save the dates of the 4th and 5th of August 2023 for the Walvis Bay Maritime Festival as well as the Erongo Business and Tourism Expo.

All three these events are designed to empower our community by providing career opportunities and raising awareness about the critical need for environmental sustainability.

I thank