

PHOENIX PROJECT LEADER APPOINTED HONORARY CONSUL FOR THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

The leader of the ambitious and multi-award winning Phoenix Project has been appointed Honorary Consul for the Republic of Namibia in Wales. The Phoenix Project is a partnership between Cardiff University and the University of Namibia.

The news of her appointment comes barely days after she gave a public lecture at the University of Namibia. She had also attended a special reception in Windhoek with the Duke of Cambridge to celebrate UK-Namibia relations, alongside key figures from sectors including conservation, British business, representatives of the Namibian government and mental health activists.

UNAM Vice Chancellor, Professor Kenneth Matengu was coincidentally the first point of contact with Professor

Professor Judith Hall's work with the Phoenix project has sparked interest of the highest office in Wales.

Hall when the Phoenix project was birthed in 2014, when Professor Matengu headed International and External Relations at UNAM. "It began with an email, followed by a response to that email and then a phone call and eventually a few flights" remarked Prof. Matengu during his welcoming remarks at Prof. Hall's recent Public Lecture at UNAM.

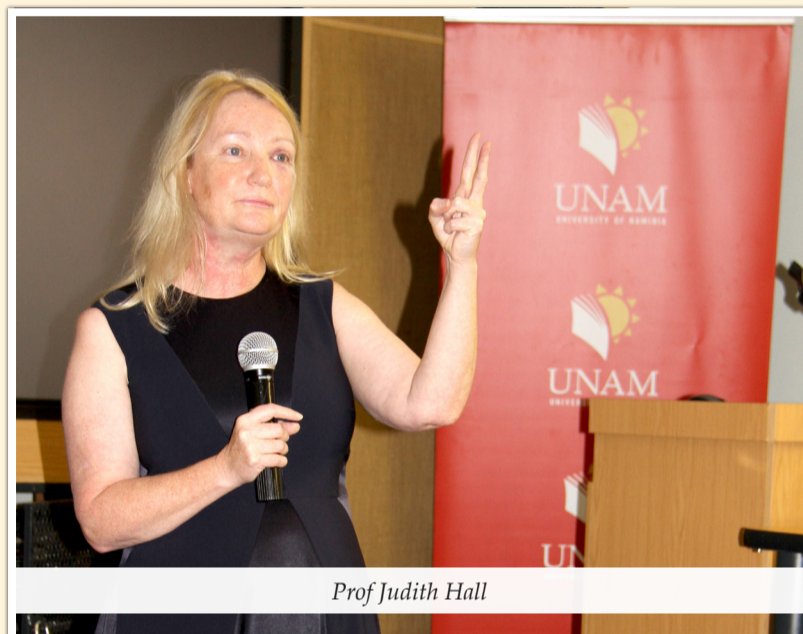
The Phoenix Project works to reduce poverty, promote health and support the environment.

"Many, many colleagues in Wales and Namibia have worked extremely hard to make the project a success and we've made a huge difference to many lives already", said Prof Hall.

Highlights of the Phoenix Project's work in Namibia include:

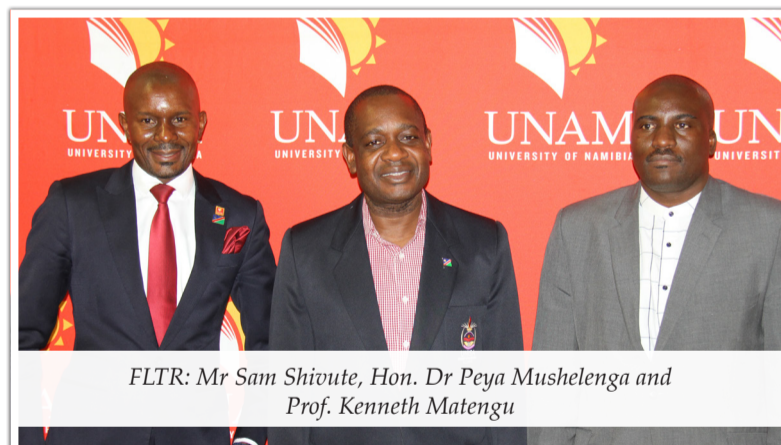
- educating doctors and nurses to look after the sickest of patients during operations,
- creating a vibrant, successful software sector,
- supporting national culture and languages,
- enabling the police and ambulance services to save lives in road traffic collisions.

Professor Judith Hall is expected to Launch a new exciting project appropriately titled "Northern Stars of Namibia: Centre of Excellence in Clinical Education" between 20 - 25 October this year.



Prof Judith Hall

FORMER STUDENTS DONATE OVER N\$ 100 000 TO UNAM



FLTR: Mr Sam Shivute, Hon. Dr Peya Mushelenga and Prof. Kenneth Matengu

The Alumni Association of the University of Namibia raised N\$ 114 970 during a recently held Varsity Student Representative Council Reunion. The event targeted former student leaders who had studied at the institution during the period of 1992-1997.

The University of Namibia's Alumni lead most sectors of the economy, and the Alumni Office's key objective is to find meaningful ways in which these Alumni can contribute to the growth of the university. Such contribution may come in various forms such as teaching, donations, tutoring and

consulting for the university on a pro-bono basis.

The Minister of Urban and Rural Development, Hon. Dr Peya Mushelenga, himself an Alumnus, delivered the keynote address in which he praised the initiative and insisted that the University invests more in building relations with the Alumni.

Kashiwanwa Neshila Immanuel, the Development Officer for Alumni and Networking made mention of the University's plan to build an Alumni Centre, where former students can get involved and help the University to champion challenges the country is facing together.

LIBRARY SERVICES QUALITY REVIEWED

UNAM's Library services received external review by a panel of eight experts. Paced over a four day period, the review looked at every aspect of the Library's services and in the end gave commendations and recommendations based on their findings. The review was coordinated by UNAM's Centre for Quality Assurance and Management, which is the custodian of best practice and bench marking of the university's services.

Ms Janet Peters, Director of Libraries and Cardiff University Librarian lead the feedback session at which all key stakeholders such as library staff and the UNAM management gathered for the feedback.

In terms of commendations, Ms Peters praised the University for having, in general, adequate facilities to support student learning by making provision for neat, well-functioning libraries at all its



Ms Janet Peters (left) delivers verbal feedback

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campuses. She also noted that the library has a comprehensive list of services that are able to support both staff and students.

Areas that needed improvement were the internet bandwidth at some of the campuses, as well as student and staff awareness about all the services the library provides.

The UNAM Librarian, Mr Joseph Ndinoshiho welcomed the review process and expressed gratitude to the panel for a thorough job. "These are insightful recommendations and my team and I are ready to implement them in collaboration with other departments at the university", remarked Mr Ndinoshiho during the feedback session.