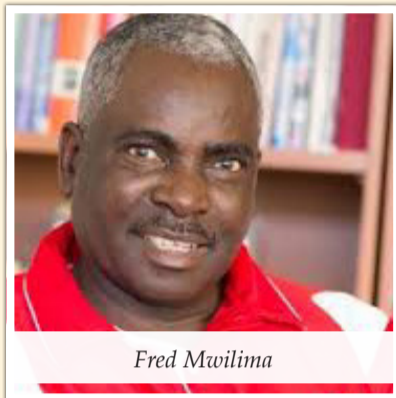


## INDUSTRY GURUS ATTEND MEDIA CONFERENCE



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The much anticipated Media and Communication Industry Conference held at the UNAM Main Campus lived up to expectations as prominent figures from Namibia's media sphere took an active interest.

Some notable names that ticked the attendance register were Radio Wave owner, Robin Thompson, Television legend, Menesia Muinjo, Technological guru at One Africa Television, Madryn Cosburn and Namibian Broadcasting Corporation's (NBC) New Business and Research- Commercial Services Manager, Nico Mwiya, whose organisation recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UNAM.

The Conference was the first of its kind and the brain child of the Department of Information and Communication Studies in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Running under the theme "Media and communication in the service of the Namibian nation", the two-day conference aimed at "bringing together" academics and practitioners of this profession with the view of getting greater relevance out of the media industry.

Speaking at the conference, Head of the Department of Information and Communication Studies, Dr Fred Mwilima enunciated that, "such an industry specific conference was a step in the right direction".

"I'm pleased with our progress today" he said. "If we continue with discussions like these then we will effect change in Namibia and in the media industry," added Dr Mwilima.

A wide array of contemporary media-related issues were on the agenda, with critical presentations on topics such as "Media and nation building", "New media and national security", issues and challenges around marketing and communications, as well as the future of "virtual, mixed and augmented realities".

Although there has not been any official confirmation of a sequel to the conference, early signs indicate that all parties involved are, in the near future, eager to emulate this successful inaugural conference.

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## NAMIBIA 'TIER 2' ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING - SAYS ACADEMIC

UNAM Lecturer of National Security and Development, Dr Richard Iroanya says that, "according to the 2017 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report, Namibia is identified as a Tier 2 country". He adds that this means, Namibia "does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking; however, it is making significant efforts to do so."



A reported 38 cases of trafficking persons have been recorded since 2010, which sees minors being used for "prostitution, forced labour and domestic work". The startling facts were made known during his public lecture at the School of Military Science. Dr Iroanya said this was only one of the numerous negative ripple effects human trafficking has on the region.

"Most of the traffickers are organised crime groups of three or more people who cross the borders relatively undetected," said Dr Iroanya. "The opportunity for corruption arises in this instance because public officials are approached by organised crime leaders, and these public officials begin to serve their own interests, instead of the integrity of the state", he added.

He went on to draw comparisons between human trafficking and slavery, alluding that the fundamental similarity between the two is intent,

with both slaves and trafficked humans being used primarily for the purposes of monetary gain.

More than just being a matter of national security, Dr Iroanya also expressed his belief that human trafficking leaves indelible scars on affected families and societies.

"Human traffickers violate natural rights like freedom of movement, speech, association and communication. It's because of these violations that there remain psychological impacts on families akin to withdrawal symptoms," he said.

The panel for the discussion was graced by UNAM's emeritus Professor, Andre Du Pisani, and Head of Department for Security and Strategic Studies, Professor Piet Van Rooyen.

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## STUDENTS LIGHT UP YOUNG AND OLD

*Student society visiting Katutura Old People's Home and Megameno Orphanage*

A blissful Saturday for orphans and the elderly residing in the heart of Katutura, made possible by the University of Namibia's (UNAM) students, under the veil of Seventh Day Adventist Student Movement (SDASM).

The society, on the back of gathering varying gifts, clothing, food and toiletries from mainly the student fraternity, made a turn to Katutura Old People's home, where a modest but expectant gathering lay in wait.

Speaking to Forum Weekly, UNAM SDASM member Sydney Ngandu said it was a true testament of the "values" that UNAM students held, by aiding the less fortunate in society.



Caretaker at Katutura Old People's Home, Mr Alex Kanu was thankful towards the gesture made by UNAM students. "The residents were highly entertained by your songs and other activities," he said. Farewells were inevitable as the day drew nearer

towards midday. However, the society was not yet done with lighting up faces and took their charity further into the streets of Katutura where Megameno Orphanage was waiting anxiously.

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## CALLING ALL POETS

*Call for contributions to Anthology of Namibian Poetry*

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