



Learning and Living for a Sustainable Future

Dear **NaDEET** Friend,
2023 marks 20 years of **NaDEET**!

This year we celebrate twenty years of implementing high-quality, cutting-edge environmental education in Namibia. Since our humble beginnings as a two-person team, we have grown tremendously with a vibrant staff of close to 20 full-time staff and several interns and volunteers who implement our numerous programmes. We now operate two environmental education centres which host nearly 70 multi-day programmes per year. We have published and distributed over 50 environmental education resources for all ages. Our two-year professional development programme for teachers and our role on national and international advisory networks further expands our reach.

Throughout the year we are celebrating this 20 anniversary milestone with numerous events. Our year began with our staff development workshop in January which included a celebratory dinner to salute **NaDEET's** many achievements. Several of our ESD partners offered congratulations during the Teach for ESD conference in February. Upcoming events include the official opening of our new, improved operational base at **NaDEET** Centre and a 20 year impact report.

With all of these achievements, I must also report with a heavy heart that we need to find a new home for our Urban Sustainability Centre, as our current rental location will be demolished for a new development early next year. We will soon be launching a fundraiser dedicated to our Urban Sustainability Centre and will be looking to you for support.

In this issue, I share with you our recent activities.
Best wishes from the whole **NaDEET** Team!



Viktoria Keding, Director



The NaDEET Team in 2003

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Centre on NamibRand

Over 350 participants in 12 programmes have made the journey to NaDEET Centre so far this year. With only 1/3 of these groups being returnees, these past few months have welcomed many new schools and organisations to NaDEET. Our education team showed it's depth in being able to teach such a broad range of programmes from one week to the next.

Diversity of NaDEET Centre Programming - What's On Offer

NaDEET Centre has something to offer to everyone. NaDEET offers programmes for all ages, from senior primary schoolchildren to adults. For the past several years we have expanded our programming to include more specialised programmes for university and teacher groups.

What makes each of these programmes unique?

- **Primary School:** Brings the school curriculum for grade 6 & 7 alive through activities such as the 5Rs of Zero Waste and the Sustainable NaDEET Game.
- **Secondary School:** Focusses on role play in sustainable development such as making environmental management decisions and exploring impact of consumerism in "Shop Until you Drop".
- **University:** Links understanding the global environmental crisis and the role of the UN Sustainable Development Goals together with the importance planning and taking action to educate others.
- **Community & Youth:** Brings household sustainability practices in the forefront to protect natural resources and save money through efficiency.
- **Educator:** Focusses on key sustainability topics in the school curriculum and using learner-centred and diverse teaching approaches that define Education for Sustainable Development.

What do all of our programmes have in common?

"We practice what we teach"! All of our programmes have, at their core, the practical implementation of sustainability and the importance and love of nature. NaDEET core activities include solar cooking, water saving, recycling, environmental auditing, dune walks, and astronomy under the beautiful dark sky.



We are so grateful to the Dagbreek Special School for giving us an opportunity to make our programmes more inclusive for all. It was fantastic to host and learn from you!



Urban Sustainability Centre



**Urban
Sustainability
Centre**

We have reached the end of the first half of the school year and the Urban Sustainability Centre has already had 319 schoolchildren in 13 programmes participate in our programme. With 5 new schools making their way to the Urban Centre, we are making progress to reach almost every primary school in the Swakopmund area.

Exploring Urban Sustainable Living

As part of the school programme, our activity called Exploring Urban Sustainable Living invites schoolchildren to explore and learn from the Centre's interactive educational displays. The activity is set up in six rotational stations with a classroom discussion after every second station. Schoolchildren gain insights into changes that they can make in their daily lives to live a sustainable lifestyle.



Training teachers in Sustainability & Civic Education



Through a continued partnership with EduVentures through the EduLink programme, NaDEET hosted two 3-day EE/ESD training for Namibian teachers in June. These workshops focussed on junior primary school teachers and aimed to strengthen the teaching of EE/ESD with the integration of different topics into the school curriculum. In addition to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a session on civic education was presented by the National Institute for Democracy, providing a key connection between global citizenship and sustainability.

"What a beautiful experience, it was nice to challenge our normal way of teaching and spark new ways of thinking how to teach in this workshop..."

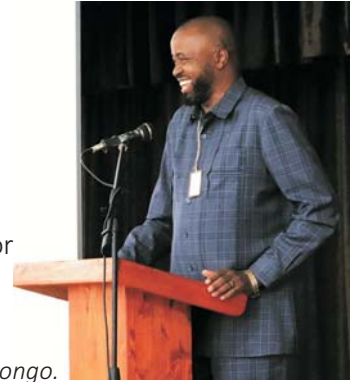
TEACH for ESD

Our Teach for ESD Teachers Graduate!

In February, **NaDEET** celebrated the first group of teachers that successfully completed the Teach for ESD teacher professional training programme in 2021-2022. With over 200 people in attendance at the Germaine Shitaleni Multipurpose Centre in Swakopmund, this 1 1/2 day event marked an incredible milestone for ESD in Namibian schools and for **NaDEET**. The teachers were congratulated and celebrated by representatives from many key National ESD stakeholders.

During the morning session, teachers shared stories of how Teach for ESD impacted their teaching skills, their pupils, and their entire school communities. They shared their passion for ESD and mutual values in that ESD is the foundation for change. During break-out sessions, participants discussed how they would keep themselves motivated and accountable to continue implementing ESD activities.

Keynote address by Hardap Regional Education Director, Gerhard Ndafenongo.



Teach for ESD Gala Evening

The celebration continued with the Gala Evening, themed *Green & Nature* and adorned with all natural, local and upcycled décor. Each teacher was presented with their ESD Badge Certificate and a Participation Certificate.



In addition, the **NaDEET** team gave out special awards to the high achieving regions including:

- ❖ Best Performing Region: Oshikoto
- ❖ Best Participation Region: //Kharas

Individual special awards, including a cash prize for the school, included:

- ❖ Gold Star Teachers
- ❖ Best Teacher Partnership



Gold Star Teachers: Change makers who implemented all 10 ESD activities at their schools.

NaDEET would like to thank all the Teach for ESD participants, supporters, followers and staff who placed so much time, care and initiative into this project in a successful completion of our first (of many) Teach for ESD programmes.

What's next?

Teach for ESD will begin the application process for 2024-2025 programme participants at the end of 2023. In the meantime, the **NaDEET** team is considering all the feedback received throughout the programme – from participants, staff, external evaluators, our donors and all stakeholders, to ensure the different aspects of the programme provide the best ESD support and resources for teachers across Namibia.



National and Regional Activities

National ESD Learning Materials Database



The existence and accessibility of environmental learning support materials (LSM) is necessary for the success and advancement of EE/ESD activities nationally and has been set as a priority in the National EE/ESD Policy.

Over the past few months, with funding from UNESCO, NaDEET has conducted a nationwide

scoping exercise of Namibian EE/ESD LSMs. This initial process concluded with a key stakeholders workshop to validate the newly developed database. Key outcomes identified at the workshop included the underrepresentation of:

- Particular topics, such as ocean literacy
- Early childhood and junior primary learning phases
- Local language materials for all ages
- Namibia specific ESD implementation guides

A main issue highlighted was the distribution, and therefore accessibility, of learning support materials. Steps are being taken to partially address this by placing the database on the Namibian Environmental Education Network (NEEN) website.

Environmental Club Guide



NaDEET has jumped right in to address the need for more resources. Through our **Environmental Club Resource Development Workshop**, 16 Teach for ESD alumni teachers, selected for their successful running of environmental clubs, distilled lessons learned and case studies on best practices for starting and maintaining environmental clubs. We are now incorporating these insights into a new guide that will support school environmental clubs.

School ESD visits in Conservancy Areas in Zambezi

As part of the Zambezi KAZA project funded by WWF, NaDEET engaged with schoolchildren and teachers from senior primary and secondary schools, in collaboration with Conservancy representatives and Youth ambassadors. A total of 122 beneficiaries were reached, which included participants from 9 different schools in the Kongola area of the Zambezi Region. The focus of the school visit was an adapted version of our Environmental Problems & Solutions game. Schoolchildren worked in groups to examine local environmental issues of concern and to identify potential solutions. The feedback given by the participants will be used in the development of environmental learning materials in the near future. This activity initiated the envisioned partnership between schools and conservancies to implement environmental education.

As a follow up to the visit, one of our Teach for ESD alumni conducted trainings with junior primary school teachers with our *It's Time to Grow Learning Pack*. Download your own copy at: <https://nadeet.org/its-time-to-series>



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In May, NaDEET represented the National ESD Task Force at the UNESCO ESDNet for 2030 Regional Sub-Saharan Africa Meeting. Key outputs of the meeting were strengthened regional networking to for the implementation of the Country Initiative for ESD for 2030. Country initiatives aim to bring ESD into the forefront of education throughout the world and to utilize the power of partnerships to increase their impact.



Staff News: Training Opportunities & Long-Service Awards

An MEd with the Environmental Learning Centre @ Rhodes University



Since January I have started the journey towards a Masters in Environmental Education with Rhodes University in Makhanda, South Africa on a part-time, semi-distance basis.

The rich history of the centre is a big inspiration for me and my studies. The first couple of sessions have been insightful in creating a broader understanding of methods and approaches to ESD on the regional and international levels; and a good platform for cultural exchange and learning as I am sharing the platform with a very diverse group of scholars. I am impressed with the extensive effort put into the initial research project conceptualisation to ensure it is meaningful to me and **NaDEET**.

I look forward to making the most of the opportunity to conduct meaningful research in ESD.

Pandu Haindongo



Staff Team Building Workshop - January

This year we have put an emphasis on fine tuning our own skills! Our whole team took part in various teambuilding activities, including interpersonal skills, health and exercise, and some fun mini golf! Damaris and Viktoria learned new fundraising skills in a 3-day course in Windhoek. From the **NaDEET** Centre team, Helena gained new knowledge for the **NaDEET** Centre kitchen, whilst Mike, Jonah and Helena upped their gardening and composting know-how. Several staff members are enrolled in online learning opportunities. Jonah and Priscilla completed courses in Project Management and Accounting. Several staff have year-long access to an online professional development platform with a wide variety of short courses. Christa and John have already completed their first course on Education for Sustainable Development in Schools.

Well done team!



Fundraising Workshop - March



Professional Short Courses - Yearlong



Garden Training (part 1) - June

Four staff members were recognised during our 20 year staff celebration for their hard work and long-service to **NaDEET**.



20 years: Viktoria Keding
15 years: Andreas Keding
5 years: Helena Moses & Pandu Haindongo



Food & Beverage Training - February

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TEACH for ESD



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