



# NaDEET Urban Sustainability Centre

## General Information

*Hands-on, experiential programmes in sustainable living for Namibian school/youth/club/educator groups*

In the urban setting of Swakopmund, the NaDEET Urban Sustainability Centre offers unique hands-on programmes. In multi-day programmes, participants learn first-hand about sustainable living, the importance of biodiversity and the balance between humans and the environment. They learn not just by seeing and hearing, but by *doing* and *living*.

### BACKGROUND

Founded in 2002, the Namib Desert Environmental Education Trust (NaDEET) is a non-profit organisation that offers experiential education for school, youth, educator and adult groups.

*NaDEET's mission is to protect the natural environment of Namibia by educating its citizens to practice a sustainable lifestyle.*

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

The worldwide environmental crisis is directly connected to our daily actions and attitude toward our natural environment. NaDEET believes holistic environmental education is key to increasing awareness and knowledge as well as eco-friendly attitudes and skills.



At NaDEET Urban Sustainability Centre, theory meets practice, and empowered participants gain the tools to take action in their homes and their communities.

### PROGRAMMES

We offer unique and specialized programmes for:

#### Children and youth

- School Programmes
- Clubs
- Organised groups

#### Adults

- Educator groups
- Membership organisations
- Workshop facilities (if relevant to our aims)

### NaDEET URBAN SUSTAINABILITY CENTRE

The Urban Sustainability Centre is located in the coastal town of Swakopmund. With innovatively designed displays, a unique space has been created for experiential, hands-on learning for all visitors. Additional educational space is in the classroom, outdoor garden and through outdoor excursions such as to the beach close by.

The **key features** of the Centre are:

#### EXPLORING NAMIBIA

The Exploring Namibia display brings to life Namibia's captivating environment and the different threats it faces by portraying our natural resources and human impact through an interactive mural, relief map and posters.

#### THE ECO-HOUSE

The Eco-House is designed to teach and model sustainable living practices in the typical Namibian household. By exploring the different rooms, participants will engage with topics such as energy and water efficiency, healthy eating, responsible fashion and waste management. Through interactive activities and useful tips, these sustainability practices can then be adapted in their own lives.



#### ECO CAFÉ

The Eco Café puts theory into practice. Healthy snacks and lunches are prepared using as many local products as possible and with sustainable cooking methods.



Energy, water and waste consumption are audited to measure our environmental footprint.

### ACCOMMODATION

NaDEET Urban Centre does not provide accommodation, but has an agreement with the Swakopmund Youth Hostel where groups can stay free of charge. It is within close walking distance of the centre so groups can arrive promptly.

Swakopmund has many other accommodation options such as hostels, backpackers, guesthouses, hotels and camping, which groups can book at their own discretion.

### COST

We have an "open-door" policy and we do not turn groups away. Please contact us for more information.

### CURIOS

We sell NaDEET T-shirts, buffs, caps, bucket hats and beanies.



### LOCATION

NaDEET Urban Sustainability Centre is located in the coastal town of Swakopmund, a short walk from the center of town, the sea and the Swakop River mouth.



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