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B R O C H U R E
NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION
SONG CHOIR COMPETITION



Introduction and Background

The Anti-Corruption Commission plans to execute a public education campaign on corruption, which will be known as the #JoinTheFight Campaign. The campaign is aimed at educating the public and raise awareness of the scourge of corruption which causes decay in society. Even though the Government of Namibia has prioritized addressing corruption, there is a widespread public perception that corruption in Namibia is high. Increasing levels of corruption are negatively correlated with public trust in state legitimacy and thus endanger the overall inspiring Namibian development path to become a mature, transparent, and functioning democracy. Namibia's ranking dropped two places from 59 in 2021 to 58 in 2022, on the Transparency International Index.

In fact, the score is far from the National Development Plans target of 65 by the 2021/22 financial year, as the country strived to be a more transparent and accountable nation in Africa. The 2016 Corruption Perception Survey also points to the dire need for robust public education on the dangers of corruption and citizenry responsibility; hence the #JoinTheFight Campaign. #JoinTheFight, is a whole-encompassing communication and publicity campaign that is also aimed at raising awareness of the scourge of corruption in Namibian society. The campaign will see the successful execution of two key interventions: The National Anti-Corruption Song Competition and the Creative Anti-Corruption Bureaucracy Festival.

The Song Competition

The Anti-Corruption Commission plans to host National Anti-Corruption School Song Competition 2023 in September 2023 in Swakopmund.

The purpose of the competition is to engage people on the topic of corruption, ethics and integrity in an effort to plant anti-corruption seeds. Through the competition, learners will through art, showcase their observations of the impact of corruption and propose solutions to curb graft. All secondary schools registered with the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture in Namibia, may participate in National Anti-Corruption School Song Choir Competition 2023.

The competition is also in line with the implementation of the country's National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2025 (NASCAP). The Commission is committed to coordinating the National Anti-corruption Strategy and all sectors, to ensure that the country develops mechanisms that translate to broader participation by the citizenry. Responding to the "Strategic Objective 4 and Strategic Objective 8.

The National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2025 (NACSAP) was approved by Cabinet at its 22nd (2021) Decision-Making Meeting held on 09 December 2021, Decision No. 22nd/09.12.21/009. The Strategy was subsequently launched by the Rt. Honourable Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia on the 16th March 2022 in Windhoek. The strategy is aimed at 'nurturing synergy to promote an effective system of integrity, transparency, ethics, and accountability in all sectors of society in Namibia'. The Strategy is also a key commitment in the Harambe Prosperity Plan II.

Objectives



Plant anti-corruption seeds

- To educate the public and raise awareness of the scourge of corruption which causes decay in society.
- Planting anti-corruption seeds and free minds among the school learners' communities countrywide.



National pride

- To promote diversity, national pride, and social cohesion through raising awareness of the scourge of corruption which causes decay in society.



NACSAP implementation

- To promote the implementation of the NACSAP, (subsequently contributing effective governance pillar as the Strategy is also a key commitment in the Harambe Prosperity Plan II).

About the Competition

The national competition will be held on 15 September 2023 in Swakopmund, where the four school choirs will compete for the ultimate prize. Learners will compete by performing three songs (see the terms of reference for details on the categories). About 64 learners are expected to participate in this year's competition and with an expected attendance of 260 members of the audience made up of stakeholders from all spheres of society who will be invited to attend the event.

The song competition is an awareness campaign that will also include complementary anti-corruption awareness events.

The table below shows the total number of (223) secondary schools in Namibia, of which 17 are private (EMIS, 2020):

Region	Number of secondary schools	Number of circuits
Karas	11	3
Erongo	16	3
Hardap	11	3
Kavango East	11	6
Kavango West	4	7
Khomas	34	4
Kunene	7	5
Ohangwena	20	10
Omaheke	9	2
Omusati	31	12
Oshana	23	5
Oshikoto	18	8
Otjozondupa	17	3
Zambezi	11	5

The Competition Terms of Reference

General Competition Information

The Anti-Corruption Commission invites all secondary school choirs to participate in the National Anti-Corruption Song Competition. The national competition aims to provide a fair platform for learners to air their voices on the impact of corruption, express their observations and propose solutions for curbing graft.

The song competition should focus on the following:

All secondary schools registered with the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture in Namibia, may participate in National Anti-Corruption School Song Competition.

Competition Requirements:

Circuit Level (Elimination rounds):

- A Regional School Counsellor/Facilitator, who will serve as liaison officer between the ACC and the school choirs, will be delegated.
- Interested school choirs will receive entry forms. These forms must be completed and submitted to the Regional Facilitator who will issue a receipt.
- Upon submission of entry form, the school choir will receive the competition song (also downloadable from www.acc.gov.na)
- The rehearsal/preparation period will be until the elimination round which will be known as the Circuit Level. The Circuit Level is alternatively the Regional Level.
- The school choirs in the particular region will compete in order to select a winning choir that will represent the region. This winning regional school choir will then represent the region on the Inter-Regional Level.
- The participating schools are responsible for their own transportation to competition venue.

Inter-Regional Level (Advance level):

- The school choirs that will compete at the Inter-Regional level, are the choirs that qualified at the Regional Level, representing their respective regions.
- At the Inter-Regional Level (Advance Level), the school choir that will represent each ACC Office (4 Offices), will then be selected.
- At the end, only four (4) school choirs will qualify for the final round to select the national winning choir. The four (4) choirs will thus represent the four ACC Offices.
- The participating schools must liaise with their Regional Education Director's Office for the transportation of their choir members to the competition town and venue.

National Level (Final Round)

- The National Level or final round of the National Anti-Corruption Song Competition will take place in Swakopmund, Erongo Region (date to be determined).
- The four (4) choirs qualifying at the Inter-Regional Level will then compete for the winning prize.
- There will be prizes offered, accordingly.
- Transportation of school choirs from the regions to Swakopmund for the Final Round will be the ACC's responsibility.

General Rules

- The competition is open to only one choir per school (all choir members should be from the same school).
- A secondary school choir must only participate with 16 choir members, one choir conductor, and one teacher (supervision).
- Interested schools should complete the entry form, and parents/ guardians of participating learners should ensure parental consent is submitted.
- The school shall be responsible for the registration with regional school counsellors.
- The school choirs that have submitted entry forms will be provided with the competition song/prescribed song by the facilitator (also downloadable from the ACC website www.acc.gov.na).
- All other necessary logistics for the regional level (competition) trial to be organised with the assistance of regional school counsellor/facilitator, School circuit office and ACC Regional Offices.
- Each participating choir is expected to perform the prescribed competition song provided by the ACC, along with the already existing ACC 'Save our Nation' Song as well as own choice.
- Each school choir participating from the inter-regional level up to the national competition will receive a prestigious certificate. However, only the choirs in the final round will receive prizes.
- Each Choir to compose and perform own local language Anti-corruption song and gives a narrated version in English
- Both Anti-corruption Commission and the Ministry of Education, Arts & Culture will be responsible for both meals and accommodation for the learners and teachers.
- The Ministry of Education, Arts & Culture may be responsible for any participating teacher's DSA.
- The Anti-corruption Commission will be responsible for organising and coordinating Regional and National Anti-corruption school song competition .

Interested school choirs should register with the regional school counsellor (RSC) or regional liaison person at the respective regional education offices before the deadline of 7 June 2023.



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Competition Categories

Category ONE

- Prescribed song.
- ACC will commission a composer to compose the competition song.
- ACC will provide the context and lyrics of the song.
- The prescribed song is the determining category of which choir wins the competition.
- This category will contain the highest marks on the adjudicators' scoresheets.

Category TWO

- The Old Anti-Corruption School Choir Competition Song, titled Save Our Nation - 2006).

Category THREE

- Themed on a message of hope against corruption.
- Own compositions/arrangements from the different regions.
- These songs may be composed in the vernacular languages.
- The composers may use any genre in this category as to how they want to present themselves.
- The composition can be either:
 - Staff notation
 - Tonic Solfa
 - Or just simply the text in not able in the first two formats.

Competition Format

All School Circuit Anti-Corruption School song competition should be completed by 26 June 2023.

Inter-Regional, National Competition will be held in July 2023

Host Town Venue	Phase 1 Inter-Regional Competition: Regions	Dates
<i>Oshela Secondary School</i>	Oshikoto, Oshana, Omusati and Ohangwena	24 July 2023
Dr Romanus Kampungu Secondary School	Kavango-East, Kavango-West, Zambezi	26 July 2023
<i>A Shipena Secondary School)</i>	Omaheke, Khomas, Karas, Hardap	31 July 2023
<i>Outjo Secondary School</i>	Otjozondjupa, Erongo and Kunene	28 July 2023
Host Town Venue	Phase 2 National Competition:	Dates
Swakopmund	The four (4) best Regional school choir winners	September 2023

General Competition Rules

- Only ACC staff, Regional School Counsellors and qualified choral individuals may serve as Judges.
- The decisions of the adjudication panel will be final in all competitions and no correspondence will be entered into regarding any aspect of its work.
- ACC reserves the right to adapt the rules and awards at any time.
- Notification of changes shall be made in writing to the relevant parties, should it be necessary.
- Choir performances will be photographed, recorded for subsequent reproduction, and broadcast on radio or television throughout all stages of the competition.
- All broadcasting and photographic rights to the performances will belong to ACC and may be used for corruption promotional use as it sees fit.
- Choirs will not receive payment for recordings or photographs used and ACC will be entitled to reproduce any such recording or photograph for promotional use.
- All choir members are subject to parental consent prior to taking part in the competition.
- All broadcasting and photographic work is to be conducted by ACC, the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, selected service providers, and all registered media houses.
- Participating choirs are prohibited from publishing and posting the competition song during any stage before the competition unless permitted. Publicity of such shall lead to disqualification from the competition.
- Commissioned work of a composer regarding the prescribed song, will enjoy the exclusive use privilege of the ACC, unless communicated otherwise with the ACC.
- In consideration of acceptance of participation in the competition, conductors, learners and all party indemnify, absolve, exempt and release the organisers, key partners or any entity connected with the event against and from liability for injuries, damages, loss or death arising from or in connection with my participation in, travelling to or from or presence at the event. Thus waive any/ all claims whatsoever which may arise there from or in connection therewith

ADJUDICATORS' CRITERIA

- Adjudicators must be seasoned musicians, well-versed in the choral/voice setup.
- Adjudicators may be ACC officials, MoEAC officials and choral conductors and vocal coaches.
- Adjudicators must declare any relations to any entity involved in the competition.
- Adjudicators will award marks for the technical ability and artistic quality of each choir.
- Adjudicators will look critically to the overall presentation of the prescribed song.
- Category 3 will be judged with or without presentation of a scoresheet. However, the lyrics of the song must be provided before the competition commences.
- Adjudicators must provide notes of the assessment of each choir performance.
- A scoresheet will be made available at every competition night.

Competing Winning Prize

Inter-Regional phase:

- Certificate of Participation
- Prizes and tokens

National winning prize:

In addition to category prizes, the overall winning prizes:

- 1st Prize, Cash prize – for the school.
- 2nd Prize, Cash prize – for the school
- 3rd Prize, Cash prize – for the school
- 4th Prize, Cash prize – for the school

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Complementary activities

The #JoinTheFight Campaign on is an awareness intervention which will include complementary anti-corruption awareness events:

The ACC with support of UNDP shall host the Creative Anti-Corruption Bureaucracy Festival, which shall be an open day event for members of the public.

The festival aimed at according the public an opportunity to air their voices on issues of governance and corruption, will include the following activities

- Visual expressions of the impact of corruption in the extractive industries
- Anti-corruption training/ awareness
- Media outreach
- Public Lecture

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National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2025

- NACSAP has eight Strategic Objectives, and 95 actions implemented by 44 lead institutions

Strategic Objective 1	Increasing the level of political accountability and transparency
Strategic Objective 2	Preventing corruption in government offices, ministries and agencies, public enterprises, regional councils, local and traditional authorities
Strategic Objective 3	Strengthening efforts to deter corruption
Strategic Objective 4	Conducting extensive anti-corruption education
Strategic Objective 5	Preventing corruption in the private sector
Strategic Objective 6	Engaging civil society, non-governmental organisations, and the media in combating corruption
Strategic Objective 7	Preventing corruption and promoting accountability in the sports fraternity
Strategic Objective 8	Enhance engagement and participation of youth in anti-corruption programmes



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Call for Entries



Anti-Corruption Commission

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all secondary school choirs to participate in the

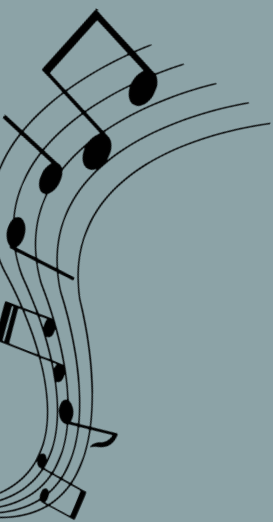
National Anti-Corruption Song Choir Competition

We want to hear your beautiful melodies, thought-provoking lyrics, and rhythm.

Deadline: 7 June 2023.

Walk away with huge prizes for your school!

See brochure or Visit www.acc.gov.na for more details



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