

NAMDIA and Finestar Namibia Co-Host Official Visit by ILO Director-General

31 July 2026 – Namib Desert Diamonds (NAMDiA) and Finestar Jewellery & Diamonds Namibia hosted the Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Mr. Gilbert Hounbo, during an official visit that showcased Namibia's downstream diamond industry and its contribution to employment, skills development and economic growth.

The ILO delegation, led by the Honourable Fillemon Wise Immanuel, Minister of Justice and Labour Relations, included senior officials from the Ministry of Justice and Labour Relations and the International Labour Organization. The delegation was welcomed by representatives of NAMDiA and Finestar Jewellery & Diamonds Namibia, where they toured the factory and gained first-hand insight into the company's diamond cutting and polishing operations, led by Factory Manager Mr. Gyanshyam Baldaniya.

Welcoming the delegation, Dr. Shihaleni Ndjaba, representing the NAMDiA Board of Directors, reaffirmed NAMDiA's commitment to partnerships founded on trust, transparency and shared values. He noted that, as NAMDiA celebrates its tenth anniversary, its mandate extends beyond marketing and selling rough diamonds to ensuring Namibia's natural resources create lasting value for the country and its people.

The Honourable Immanuel commended both NAMDiA and Finestar Jewellery & Diamonds Namibia for their contribution to employment creation, skills development and the Namibian economy before introducing the ILO Director-General.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Hounbo praised the working conditions at the factory and commended Namibia's governance practices, describing them as an important foundation for responsible business, decent work and sustainable economic growth.

The engagement reaffirmed the important role of Namibia's downstream diamond industry in creating jobs, developing skills and advancing responsible beneficiation, while demonstrating the value of collaboration between government and industry in driving sustainable economic development. **-END-**

See images below:



Front Row: (Left to Right) Ms Lelly Usiku - NAMDIA Acting CEO; Mr. Gilbert Hougbo - ILO Director-General; Honourable Fillemon Wise Immanuel - Minister of Justice and Labour Relations; Mr. Ghanshyam Baldaniya - Finestar Jewellery and Diamonds Namibia Factory Manager. Dr. Shihaleni Ndjaba - NAMDIA Board of Directors (second row, third from the right)

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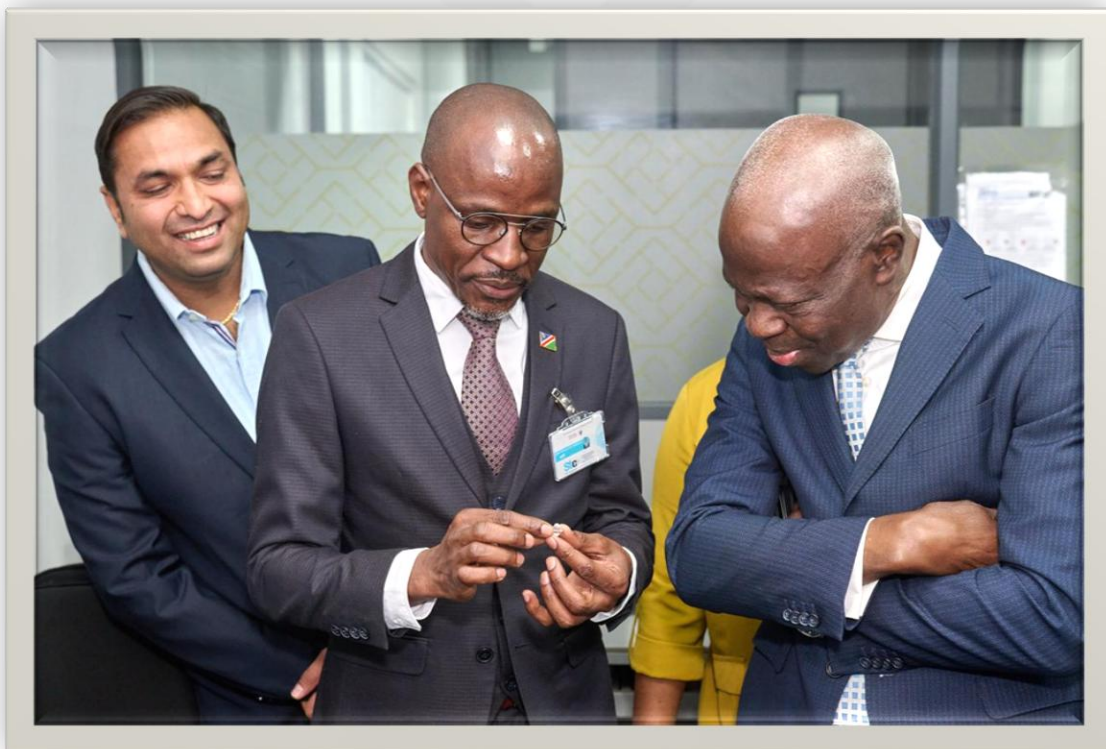
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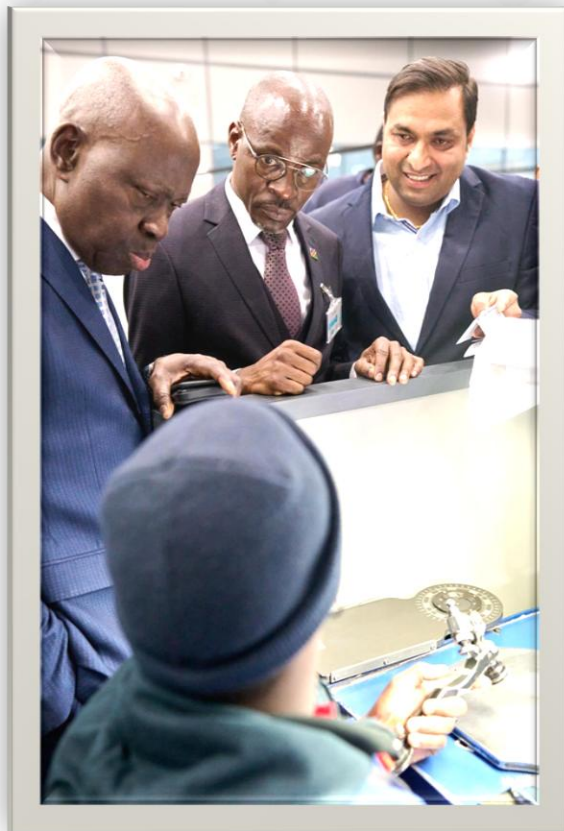


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