

Public events on the possible use of bush biomass from Namibia

Invitation to the first online conference

The "Biomass Namibia Project" - introduction to ecological, economic and social conditions

Thursday, November 26th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The loss of savannah grasslands due to "bush encroachment" is a growing problem in Namibia. The first online conference will give an introductory overview of the ecological, economic and social aspects related to a sustainable bush thinning strategy and a possible "biomass partnership between Namibia and Hamburg".

Speakers from Namibia and Germany will provide background information on the roles and the process in Namibia and Hamburg, the components of a possible biomass partnership as well as ecological and social issues.

We look forward to statements and inputs from:

Andreas B.D. Guibeb, Namibian Ambassador in Berlin and State Councilor **Dr. Pollmann** (requested) from Authority for Environment, Climate, Energy and Agriculture (BUKEA) in Hamburg on roles and processes in Namibia and Hamburg

Joseph Hailwa, Director Forestry, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism about the official policy of the Namibian government

Prof. Dr. Peter Heck of the Institute for Applied Material Flow Management on proposed components of a possible biomass partnership

Dr. Till Pistorius and **Matthias Seebauer** of UNIQUE forestry and land use GmbH presenting their study "Greenhouse gas assessment of Bush control and biomass use in Namibia"

Mirja Stoldt of the Namibian Nature Foundation, **Manushka Moodley** of the Forest Stewardship Council and **Progress Kashandula** of the Namibian Biomass Group with an overview of ecological and social issues of a possible biomass project in connection with a strategy of controlled and sustainable bush thinning.

Following the respective inputs and statements, there is room for questions and concrete feedback.

In two further events on December 1 and December 8, the topics addressed here will be presented in greater depth.

Registration by November 24th and further background information on the series of events at:

<https://www.eventbrite.de/e/namibia-bush-thinning-registration-128783746653>

Organizers: Zukunftsrat Hamburg and Center for Global Ministries and Ecumenical Relations in cooperation with Network Hamburg global

