



Nutrition and Food Security Alliance of Namibia

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Invitation to the 1st Annual General Meeting for the Nutrition and Food Security Alliance of Namibia (NAFSAN)

Dear Members,

You are hereby warmly invited to NAFSAN's 1st Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: Friday, 13 October 2023

Time: 14h30 until 17h + Networking/Socializing over snacks and drinks afterwards

Venue: The Barn, 12 Acacia Street, Suiderhof – Windhoek → www.thebarneatery.com

Our first AGM represents a significant milestone in our collective journey towards improving nutrition and food security in Namibia. During the AGM, we like to update you on some joint accomplishments so far (also noted in our newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/nafsan/introduction>), discuss current challenges and opportunities, and hold elections for the NAFSAN Board.

Hence, the following is the draft **Agenda**:

1. Welcoming
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Report on Activities, incl. Q&A
4. Financial Reports, incl. Q&A
5. Exoneration of the current Board
6. Election of Board Members (*see p.2*)
7. Planned Strategies & Activities
8. Closing Round

Please note, any additional agenda points or requested changes to the agenda must be submitted to the NAFSAN Secretariat in writing at least seven (7) days before the date of the AGM.

Your active participation at the AGM is essential, as your insights, experiences and perspectives are invaluable and necessary to contribute to our strategic direction and collaborative action.

Kindly **confirm your attendance** with the [NAFSAN Secretariat](mailto:projects@nafsan.org) by **Monday, 2 October** to projects@nafsan.org or 081 - 607 62 02 (Maria Kandjunga).

Additional Information on 'Election of Board Members':

As per NAFSAN's Constitution, '*NAFSAN's Board compromises not fewer than three (3) and not more than nine (9) persons, all of whom must be members of NAFSAN*' [4.2.3]. Board Members are elected for a period of four years [4.2.4.], whereby half the founding Board members only serve for a two-year term.¹ All Board Members whose term expires are eligible for re-election.

The current (and founding) **Board members of NAFSAN** are:

Mrs. Dalinka Alberto (<i>Namibia Dairies</i>), Chair	= stepping down (initial two-year term)
Mrs. M. Charlotte Keyter (<i>individual</i>), Co-Chair	= remains for another two years (until 2025)
Mr. Moses S. Mberira (<i>OCDF</i>)	= stepping down (initial two-year term)
Dr. Penny Hiwilepo-van Hal (<i>UNAM</i>)	= remains for another two years (until 2025)
Ms. Fiina K. Namukwambi (<i>NUST</i>)	= remains for another two years (until 2025)

For more information and download of NAFSAN's Constitution: www.nafsan.org/structure-board

Thank you for the work that your organization is doing and your commitment to advancing the cause of nutrition and food security, as well as for being part of the Nutrition and Food Security Alliance of Namibia.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, 13 October as from 14h at the Barn.

Sincerely,



Ben Schernick
NAFSAN Director



Dalinka Alberto
NAFSAN Chairperson

P.S.: Please note that at these early stages of NAFSAN's organizational development, we have invited all active (paid-up) members, as well as those organizations who are still in the process of signing up and paying their full membership fees. Yet, as per our constitution, only active members will have voting rights when it comes to elections. We have also invited colleagues from GIZ Namibia's Farming-for-Resilience (F4R) project as observers, because of our ongoing very successful collaboration on the '*Nutrition-for-Health*' approach (www.nafsan.org.N4H).

¹ This is to ensure continuity and preserve institutional knowledge, by avoiding a situation in which the terms of all Board members expire at the same time, leading to a situation of possibly having an entirely new Board.