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FOREWORD

The German Government's development cooperation supports Namibian efforts towards improved access to land and the sustainable use of natural resources. Land resources are in the centre of this focal area. A multi-level approach is pursued, addressing simultaneously (a) the relevant policy issues at national level, (b) securing adequate service provision and innovations at regional level and (c) promoting economic and community development at local level. An integrated approach is pursued for development interventions in rural areas, which will particularly contribute to alleviating rural poverty. It will also encourage a stronger cooperation among Government ministries and between public and private sector. The involvement of stakeholders and a careful balancing of their different needs and interests are seen as a precondition for achieving sustainable solutions.

Key strategic areas of intervention are:

- a) Fair access to productive resources, focusing on land and water.
- b) Sustainable utilization of the natural resources base and strengthened economic capacities for the following land management schemes: resettlement schemes, possibly including AALS, communal farming schemes, small scale commercial farming units, green scheme, communal forests, and conservancies / parks.
- c) Strengthen land-water linkages through integrated water resources management in basins.
- d) Increased institutional capacity for managing environmental and natural resources, including resource economics.

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