THE NAMIBIAN-GERMAN CENTRE FOR LOGISTICS

WHO WE ARE
The Namibian-German Centre for Logistics (NGCL) – an institute within the Namibia University of Science and Technology – promotes excellence in the logistics field by focusing on the education of specialists, and executives and undertaking applied research into the logistical challenges facing the SADC region.

The institute is a product of the co-operation between the Namibia University of Science and Technology and the Flensburg University of Applied Sciences in Germany, both of which have established an excellent reputation in the field of applied research, education delivery and development support.

The project is part of the ‘African Excellence’ initiative, which is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service under the Aktion Afrika programme. Visit www.african-excellence.de for more details.

WHEN WAS IT ESTABLISHED?
The institute was inaugurated on 7 May 2009, with the mission of establishing through research, education and practice, a state-of-the-art knowledge base in the Logistics and Transport sector.

WHAT WE OFFER
The institute’s portfolio has developed out of its needs-based approach – according to what is required to enable logistics to become a powerful contributor to economic development. Its four main fields of action are:

- **Education and Training**
  Since its inception, the institute has assisted with the development of academic programmes for the university. In addition, to meet industry needs, the NGCL has invested in professional education through a number of professional bodies.

- **Applied Research**
  The institute’s research into logistics and transport – an applied discipline – is very practical. After numerous research reports and articles, the NGCL has chosen to focus on, among others, logistics capacity needs, the state of logistics and road safety.

- **Networking**
  The institute organises platforms for industry players and academics to network, share and discuss ideas and highlight best practices in
their fields. Through its local, regional and international links with different institutions, the NGCL has provided access to a diverse range of experience and knowledge.

• Consulting
The institute’s consulting work is supported mainly by research. The NGCL has worked on several projects, both technical and non-technical.

WHAT LIES IN STORE...
The NGCL aims to solidify its expertise in the suggested focus areas while investigating sustainable, innovative and productive strategies in the logistics and transport fields. Its main aim is to strengthen ties with industry by collaborating on projects.

Using its research and capacity-building skills, it is considering expanding its expertise to include transit information systems, procurement, humanitarian logistics, freight collaboration and multi-modal transport systems.

THE NGCL’S CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTRY’S DEVELOPMENT
The Namibian government’s Vision 2030 notes that one of the most important areas for further development and expansion of the growing economy is the advancement of the transport and logistics sector. Its significance goes far beyond national borders. Integrated logistics are essential, particularly for the SADC region’s non-coastal states such as Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It is in line with this national goal that the institute has positioned itself to create excellence and educate leaders in logistics and transport, thus promoting national and regional economic development.

KEY EVENTS
Launched in 2009 as a way to bring industry, government and academia together, the Annual Logistics and Transport Workshop has since grown into a recognised platform for role players to discuss developments in the logistics and transport sector.

It has attracted delegates and speakers from within the country, but as well as regionally and internationally, and aims to grow quality and tangible outcomes. Other events offered through the institute focused on road safety and capacity-building needs.

• For more details visit www.centreforlogistics.org
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