

H.E. Mr. Nishimaki visiting Omaheke Region (21 April 2023)

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H.E. Ambassador Nishimaki visited Omaheke Region upon invitation by the Regional Governor Hon. Nganate where they held a meeting at the Governor's office in the town of Gobabis, the region's capital on Friday, 21 April 2023.

Situated in central east Namibia bordering Botswana, the Omaheke region is one of the fourteen regions of Namibia and is best known as "Cattle Country" due to the predominant cattle farming activities in the region.

H.E. Nishimaki was briefed on the regions activities, plans and aspirations by the Governor Hon. Nganate supported by town and village councilors from the various villages within Omaheke region.



H.E. Mr. Nishimaki with Hon. Nganate, Governor of Omaheke Region (front row 2nd from right) accompanied by municipal and village councilors as well as development committee members from all villages in the region



H.E. Mr. Nishimaki in the chamber of the Governor Hon. Nganate

After the meeting with the Omaheke Governor, H.E. the Ambassador was taken around town and made a stopover at the Omaheke Innovation Village where he toured the facilities and was briefed on the services they offer. The Omaheke Innovation Village, trading as The O-Space, is an established NGO operating since late 2020 but officially launched in June 2021 via support of the Omaheke Region Office of the Governor. The O-Space is an innovation and business incubation facility that was established to nurture entrepreneurship in Omaheke Region. It is also a business accelerator facility that provides support for established business start-ups in need of basic operational infrastructure. The O-Space will incorporate a number of groups, such as small businesses, youth and creative industries.

It also houses an operational community radio station aptly named Omaheke Radio. One of their exciting new spinoffs is The Innovation Kitchen an initiative open to entrepreneurs in the FOOD business, especially women, who dreams to upscale, learn about the food business, value addition and wider market penetration.



H. E. Mr. Nishimaki in the Omaheke Radio Studio at the O-Space



H.E. Nishimaki in The Innovation Kitchen at The O-Space