

Ambassador Nishimaki attended the first Kavango West Region Small Holder Horticulture Producer' s Conference (21 November 2024)

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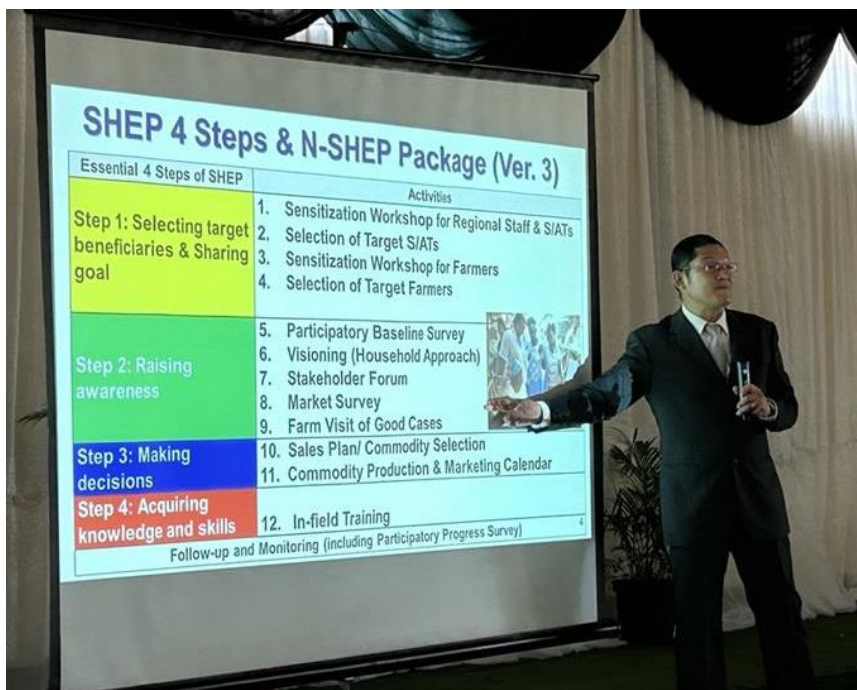
On 21 November 2024, Ambassador Nishimaki was invited by Hon. Sirkka Ausiku, Governor of Kavango West Region to attend the Small Holder Horticulture Producer' s Conference under the theme of "Kavango West Going Green. Transforming the Horticulture Sector from Subsistence to Commercial Farming." The initiative is created to have an information sharing platform where farmers can explore ways to strengthen the region' s agricultural potential and to find ways to diversify and also expand into processing. A number of stakeholders and experts were invited and shared critical information with the general farmers population. Hon. Ausiku mentioned that the Kavango West Region values the collaboration and partnership with the Embassy of Japan which over the years, enabled delivery of impactful projects which touched the lives and enhanced livelihoods of vulnerable communities in our region.



(from the left in the front row) Ambassador Nishimaki, Hon. Verna Sinimbo - Deputy Minister of Industrialization and Trade, Hon. Sirkka Ausiku - Governor of Kavango West Region and Dr. Qingyun Diao - FAO Namibia Country Representative together with the speakers and presenters of the day from various organizations.



(Above) Ambassador Nishimaki delivering his remarks during the conference.



Above: Katsusuke Niwa JICA Expert/ Chief Advisor presenting at the conference on the JICA project being implemented in Northern Regions titled, Northern Namibia Small-Scale Farmers' Livelihood Enhancement Project (N-SHEP).



Dr. Diao and Ambassador Nishimaki purchasing apples produced by a farmer who benefited from the project of the Japanese government and FAO.



Some farmers were afforded the opportunity to showcase and market their produce at the conference.



Above: Over 200 horticulture farmers from across the Kavango West Region attended the conference.