

Meeting with UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Delegation (16 May 2025)

On 16 May 2025, a delegation led by Mr. Clovis Freire, Head a.i. of the Commodities Branch from the UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva visited the Embassy of Japan. During the meeting, both sides exchanged views on the new project titled “Critical Energy Transition minerals (CETMs): Rapid Assessment of Value Addition and Diversification Capacity in Southern Africa,” funded by the Government of Japan under the Japan Supplementary Budget.

With Japan’s support, UNCTAD will implement this project aiming to provide technical assistance and policy advice on value addition and diversification to the critical minerals sector and beyond, focusing on sustainable value chains, stronger institutions, and fairer distribution of gains in some Southern African countries including Namibia.



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