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Ambition In Action: Global African Hydrogen Summit Delivers On Pledge To Fuel Africa's Green Industrialisation As It Witnesses Multi Million Euro Deal Signings In Namibia

Windhoek, Namibia – From its international soft launch at COP28 UAE in Dubai last December the 'Road To Namibia' campaign in support of the Global African Hydrogen Summit has evolved into a movement to fuel Africa's green industrial revolution.

Following nine months on the road across Africa and around the world advocating, lobbying and raising awareness, the 'Road to Namibia' campaign rolled into its final destination (Windhoek) last week from 3 – 5 September to host the Global African Hydrogen Summit that convened the global hydrogen industry in Namibia.

Guest of Honour Her Excellency Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Vice President, Republic of Namibia greeted over 1,000 attendees at the official opening ceremony of the Summit where she stated that "Namibia is honoured to have been chosen to host the Global African Hydrogen Summit. It is encouraging for me to witness such a diverse gathering of brilliant minds from around the world that have convened here to help us curate rich conversations on these vital topics. Namibia offers a rich and welcoming environment that is well suited to host an impactful green industrialisation eco-system."

Themed *From Ambition to Action: Fuelling Africa's Green Industrial Revolution* the inaugural Global African Hydrogen Summit received resounding praise from governments, public sector agencies, developers, investors and the private sector for having achieved the objectives of all stakeholders.

The Summit's sectoral patron Hon. Tom Alweendo, Minister of Mines and Energy, Republic of Namibia had earlier remarked that the "Global African Hydrogen Summit will be the first platform of its kind to be leveraged by African governments, by investors, financiers, scholars and the public, in order to unlock additional opportunities for our continent and its partners. It will also provide a platform for the global players in the hydrogen value chain to showcase their projects, their plans and technologies to the African continent."

As a catalyst for driving change the Global African Hydrogen Summit witnessed ten MoU announcements, partnership declarations and deal signings including:

1. €25 million in grants from the European Union to support the Namibian Green Industrialisation Agenda. The initiative, which includes commitments from Germany and the Netherlands, will be channelled via the SDG Namibia One financing vehicle for green hydrogen investment in Namibia including technical assistance to support long-term energy planning, renewable energy generation, and grid integration in collaboration with key Namibian stakeholders including the Namibian Green Hydrogen Programme (NGH2P) and Namibian Standards Institution (NSI).

2. Zhero announced the launch of a green ammonia gigawatt-scale project in Namibia, aiming to produce 500,000 tonnes annually from 2029 with co-developers Envision Energy.
3. GreenGo Energy sign an MoU with local Namibian developer InnoSun Energy Holdings to co-develop solar and wind projects dedicated to green hydrogen production at scale.
4. GreenGo Energy announce the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with local Namibian iron mining company, Lodestone. This collaboration will explore innovative solutions to integrate green hydrogen into the steel production process.
5. Namibian cabinet approved the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on cooperation on renewable energy, clean energy and hydrogen between Namibia and the United States of America.
6. International Energy Agency to collaborate with Ministry of Mines and Energy of Namibia and the Namibian Green Hydrogen Programme (NGH2P) on Renewable Energy Opportunities for Namibia.
7. Africa Practice and Environmental Defense Fund forge strategic partnership to advance climate action in Africa.
8. Green Maritime Corridors announcement to be launched at COP29 in Azerbaijan.
9. Green Hydrogen Organisation and UN High Level Climate Champions commit to bi-annual dialogue with CSOs.
10. Green Hydrogen Business Alliance launches 'Localizing Green Industries in Namibia'.

The Summit unlocked the potential of the hydrogen opportunity in Africa and harnessed its projected impact on achieving a sustainable and equitable energy transition global.

James Mnyupe, Presidential Economic Advisor and Head of Programme, Namibia Green Hydrogen Programme (NGH2P) summarised that "the Summit was a huge success and will come back to Namibia next year from 9 – 11 September, 2025."

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About The Global African Hydrogen Summit (GAH2S) 2024

Convening The Global Hydrogen Industry In Namibia

In its inaugural edition that was hosted in Namibia, the pioneering three-day Global African Hydrogen Summit convened heads of state, government agencies, industry business leaders, project developers, investors, thought leaders, technologists and end users from across Africa and around the globe to drive partnerships for and critical investments and financing into bankable green energy projects of strategic and national importance across Africa,

spanning the hydrogen, renewables, agriculture, mining, power, infrastructure, transportation, mobility and hard to abate sectors.

As a pioneering and innovative investment platform, the Global African Hydrogen Summit provided a variety of engagement opportunities including CPD accredited educative masterclasses, high level leadership dialogues, a world class strategic conference, project investment roundtables, and an international exhibition and innovation zone.

Participation from across the global energy value chain included and contributed to:

- 1 High-Level Ministerial Meeting
- 1 Leadership Roundtable
- 2 heads of state
- 5 country pavilions
- 7 Global African Hydrogen Awards
- 10 deal and MoU signings
- 20 African & Global ministers
- 30 bankable African green energy projects
- 35 partners
- 60 countries represented from around the globe
- 75 international exhibitors
- 100 youth participants
- 125 expert industry speakers
- 700 conference delegates
- 1,485 attendees

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