



**NATIONAL SUMMIT REPORT
07 – 08 AUGUST 2019**



Figure 1: Namibia National Summit 2019

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1. Background



Figure 2 Participants seen during Voice and Choice Summit

Gender Links is working with 430 local government Centres of Excellence (COEs) across 10 SADC countries. Through these COEs, gender is mainstreamed at a local government level effecting gender responsive governance. GL has piloted gender specific programmes with these COEs such as the Sunrise Campaign (aimed at empowering women and ending violence) and the Voice and Choice campaign (aimed at building local government capacity on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights). The

current phase of the Sunrise Campaign has reached over 900 survivors of gender-based violence. The Voice and Choice Programme has reached more than 450 youths and 83 councils in 10 SADC countries.

The summits present an opportunity to take stock of the progress made in attaining gender equality at the local, national and regional level using yardsticks that are reflected in the SADC Gender Protocol and GL's programmes. In 2019, Gender Links and the Southern African Gender Protocol Alliance will have #Voice and Choice Summits in 15 SADC countries. The Summits was conducted from the 7th to 8th of August 2019 and winners at national level will compete in a regional summit in Johannesburg from 25 -27 November 2019, at the start of the Sixteen Days of Activism on Violence against Women. The #Voice and Choice summit serve as a springboard to call governments to account for gender equality commitments made in the SADC Gender Protocol and the Sustainable Development Goals. The Summit was conducted under the hastag #VoiceandVoice to allow women to have a voice and choice over their reproductive health and rights. This was consolidated through different award categories listed below;

Awards

1. #VoiceandChoice SRHR awards
2. #VoiceandChoice GBV Award
3. #VoiceandChoice Youth Award
4. #VoiceandChoice Media Award
5. #VoiceandChoice Governance award
6. #VoiceandChoice economic justice award
7. #VoiceandChoice Gender and climate change award
8. Local Government COE – urban overall best performance
9. Local Government COE rural – overall best performance

10. Local government COE most resourceful urban council
11. Local government COE best improved performance
12. Local government most resourceful rural council
13. Sunrise campaign

Objectives of the Summit

- To gather evidence on #Voice and Choice through case studies on action, leadership and institutional practise.
- To acknowledge and affirm survivors of gender violence who are reclaiming their lives.
- To establish new baseline scores for the Centres of Excellence for Gender in Local Government in line with the Agenda 2030 SADC Protocol on Gender and Development.
- To promote discussion and reflection on what works to achieve gender equality and justice.



Figure 3 Ms Emily Brown, Gender links Chairlady

Welcome remarks

The Chairlady of Gender links Namibia **Ms Brown Emily** welcomed the summit delegates and encouraged well deserved participation from each delegate. She further eluded on historical similar events conducted by Gender links in Namibia. She said that the National Summit is the initial event that will take participants to the Regional Summit in South Africa. The Charlady wished everyone who came and participate and also thanked Gender links country staff and Fanuel who came to assist during the Summit. She finally invited the main quest

speaker, Honourable Georgina Mwiya.

Keynote quest speech and Official Opening

KEYNOTE AND OFFICIAL OPENING OF #VOICE AND CHOICE SADC GENDER PROTOCOL SUMMIT @WORK 2019 BY HON GEORGINA MWIYA SIMATAA, HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF KATIMA MULILO TOWN COUNCIL, ALAN DEPUTY PRESIDENT, COMMISSIONER FOR REFELA IN NAMIBIA

Director of ceremony, Honourable Mayors and Councillors of respective local authorities in Namibia, Regional Chairlady of Gender links, Madam Emily Brown respected representatives from Civil Society Movement, Respected representatives from UNFPA Distinguished Quests, Esteemed members of media

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Figure 4 Hon Mwiya Georgina, ALAN Board Member

Ladies and gentlemen

gives me great pleasure officiate at this important gathering and allow me acknowledge the presence of each of you. event we are officiating today is of great importance because we going to experience and witness achievements made by local government authorities in mainstreaming gender equality including service delivery at local level.

Ladies and Gentlemen, The usual mandate of our Government is to ensure gender equality and equitable socio-economic development of women, men and children. Therefore, as we witness the official opening of this important summit where we expect the show case of good practices, I am convinced that these were aligned to sustainable development goals to fulfil this noble commitment set by our Government.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Genderlinks works with 34 Councils rebranded as centres of excellence and it has a strong working partnership with three Local authority associations e.g. ALAN, NELAO and AMMICALL Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to appreciate the significant contribution made by Genderlinks Namibia since its inception for ensuring that both women and men gets empowered economically and through education. I am reliably informed that 189 Women who experienced GBV in their lives acquired entrepreneurship skills through Sunrise Campaign programme and some of them are here to present their businesses and 118 female politicians from different political parties were politically empowered through Women in politics programme. Currently with the support from UNFPA Genderlinks Namibia held 12 community dialogues on SRHR and GBV in Zambezi and Ohangwena and reached 353 people and these were both men, women and adolescents. Ladies and Gentlemen, just to mention few but a lot has been done by Genderlinks Namibia. Ladies and Gentlemen in attendance, allow me to say that through coordinated mechanisms in place, Namibia as a peaceful country received AU awards in four categories namely best performer at the level of ratification and reporting of the relevant international and continental instrument on fighting corruption, promoting gender equality and protecting women's rights at the national level. This indicates that Namibia is doing its best towards achieving SDGs. Ladies and Gentlemen, My last task is simple and that is to declare this #Voice and Choice SADC gender protocol summit officially open. Ladies and Gentlemen, I thank you

Process and Output



Before the 7th of August 2019, Genderlinks Namibia held a briefing meeting on the 6th of August 2019 at Palm Hotel with the Judges and the support team. The aim was to take them through the judging process and all other arrangements in place. They were introduced to the scoring sheets and how to allocate marks and also divide them as per categories. See the table;

Name of Judges	Award Categories
Georgina Mwiya Bella Kavendjii	1. Local government Centre's of exchange
Cloudina Venaani Umbi K-Upi	2. Sunrise Campaign – Empower Women, End Violence 3. Media
Jona Musheko Mathew Haikali	4. Drivers of Change
Theresia Mbapaha Ngamane Upi	5. Climate change 6. Sexual & Reproduction 7. Youth engagement 8. Economic Justice

Summit Winners

The Case study presentations were conducted into three rooms as per Judges' categories and the table below shows the winners in all award categories;

Category	Winners
Entrepreneurship	1. Felicia Motinga 2. Fiina Valombola 3. Susanna Issaks
Driver of Change	1. Wilhelmina Malapi 1. Brigitte Usula 2. Felicia Motinga 2. Prof Muvangua
COE Best Performer Urban council	1. Oshakati town council
COE Best Performer Village council	1. Tses village council
Most Resourceful Council	1. Otjiwarongo Municipality

Best Improved Council	1. Arandis town council
Action and Youth Category Climate Change	1. Emilia Mwetundila
Economic Justice	1. Geraldine Maasdorp
Youth	1. Boldcas Mazembe 2. Rebecca Shalunda
GBV	1. Roline Amunyela 2. Lena Jash
SRHR	1. Seth Phillips 2. Laurensia Kambule

Vote of Thanks



Figure 5 Mr Fanuel Hadzizi, Gender links M&E Manager

The vote of thanks was given by Mr Fanuel Hadzizi, the M&E Manager who was assigned to Namibia HQ to come and help during the Summit and ensure that the event is conducted in line with gender links standards. Mr Fanuel played a critical role especially by making sure that all summit M&Es are documented accordingly. Mr Hadzizi thanked everybody who attended the summit and further appreciated to those who managed to show case their case studies. He further said that everybody is a winner due to the knowledge gained during the summit. He

encouraged all participants to prepare their case studies and making sure that the sound proper before the regional summit.

Summit Programme

2019 #VoiceandChoice Summit Award				
DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY 07 August 2019				
Programme Director - GENDER LINKS BOARD CHAIR AND GENDER LINKS NAMIBIA BOARD MEMBER: MS. EMILY BROWN				
08:30-11:00 PLENARY: Thuringerhof Protea Hotel				
08:00 - 08:30	REGISTRATION			
08.30 - 08.45	Opening: Namibia National and A.U Anthems			
08.45 - 09.00	Welcoming Remarks	Ms. Emily Brown - GL Board Member		
09.00 - 09.15	Overview of Summit Process	GL Namibia Manager –Mr Fabian Sampaya		
09.15 - 09.30	Statements by partners - media, alliance, local government	ALAN - CEO	AMICAALL – Partners	
09.30 - 09.45	Remarks by UNFPA Representative			
09.45 - 10.00	Presenting #Voice and Choice Campaign	Nangof		
10.00 - 10.30	Keynote address, and official opening of summit	Honourable Doreen Sioka, Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare and Member of Parliament		
10.30 - 10.45	Administering the updated attitudes; knowledge and citizen; score card - setting new baseline – (M & E)			Veronika Haimbili
10.45 - 11.00	Vote of Thanks	Partners		
10:55.00-	Photo Session/ Interview with the media	Veronika Haimbili		

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**DAILY REGISTRATION FORM
GENDER LINKS**

Event		VoiceandChoice Summit											
Date		07-08 August 2019											
Venue		Thuringerhof Protea Hotel											
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Participants	68	100%
Men	20	30%
Women	48	70%