

14 January 2026

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE 20 MEGAWATTS (MW) OF THE SHANKARA SOLAR PLANT & ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED IN OSIPITA, ONYAANYA CONSTITUENCY, OSHIKOTO REGION; NAMIBIA

Date: 10 January 2026

Time: 10:20 – 12:00

Venue: Kuku Verenonika House , Under the tree

An engagement meeting was scheduled and held with stakeholders and all interested and affected parties regarding the proposed construction and operation of the solar plant and associated infrastructure located in Osipita ,in Onyaanya constituency. The meeting was attended by various stakeholders, including representatives from the local community member, headmen, representative from the proponent and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Practitioner from Savannah Environmental Consulting Services CC. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the proposed prospecting activities, facilitate open dialogue, and ensure that all concerns and inputs were documented for consideration in the Environmental Assessment process.



Figure 1 consultation meeting in progress at Osipita village

The meeting was opened with welcoming remarks, by the headman after which Ms. Aili lipinge, the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) from Savannah Environmental Consulting Services CC, thanked all attendees for making time to participate. He introduced himself, the consulting team, and the project proponent before presenting the meeting agenda, which followed the requirements of the Environmental Management Act, No. 7 of 2007, and its 2012 EIA Regulations (Sections 21–24) on public consultation. Copies of the Background Information Document (BID) were distributed to all participants for reference throughout the meeting proceedings, followed by the circulation of the attendance register.

Ms. lipinge explained the purpose of the meeting and provided a brief overview of the proposed project activities as outlined in the BID. He emphasised that the ongoing Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) study and subsequent Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) application are specifically for proposed construction and operation of the solar plant and associated infrastructure located in Osipita. To promote transparency and ensure stakeholder understanding, Ms. lipinge presented the potential positive and negative environmental impacts anticipated from the proposed activities.

Attendees were then given the opportunity to ask questions, express concerns, and provide input regarding the proposed project. All comments, questions, and suggestions raised during the meeting were documented and will be incorporated into the meeting minutes, to inform the preparation of the ESA Report and Draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP). A summary of the key issues and responses is presented in Table 1.

Feedback and Issues raised by the Stakeholders (I&APs)

A summary of main issues and concerns raised during consultation meeting are provided in **Table 1** below.

Concern No.	Comment / Concern	Response
1	The previous contractors that installed the existing solar plant had an incident where a bomb popped.	Ms. Aili lipinge: Well noted. The proponent will be informed, and the area will be formally surveyed to ensure safety before any development activities commence.
2	There are existing facilities within the area, including a soccer field, orchard, dam, and church.	Ms. Aili lipinge: Well, noted. Once the ECC is granted the proponent will engage the competent authority for the proposed project before commencement of any development .
3	There is an existing road within the proposed site that leads to Okalumbu Primary School.	Ms. Aili lipinge: Well noted. The access road will be taken into account in the site planning process.



—	The community is looking forward to the development.	Ms. Aili lipinge: Noted with appreciation. The project will continue to engage the community throughout the development process.
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There were no further questions or comments/concerns.

Ms. lipinge thanked everyone for making time to attend the meeting and raising concerns and comment regarding the proposed project .He informed the attendees that the scoping report as well as the environmental management plan will be shared with stakeholders for their review before submission to the competent authority. The meeting was closed and was adjourned at 12h30.

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