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Meatco Welcomes 19 Interns to Strengthen Skills in Namibia's Red Meat Industry

The Meat Corporation of Namibia (Meatco) has reaffirmed its commitment to youth development and skills transfer through the intake of 19 interns from various tertiary and vocational institutions across Namibia.

The internship programme forms part of Meatco's contribution to the Namibian Government's National Development Plan 6 (NDP6) and the Ministry of Finance and Social Grants (MFSG) Internship Initiative, which aims to equip young Namibians with practical workplace experience to enhance their employability.

The interns come from several institutions across the country, including the Namibian Institute of Mining and Technology (NIMT), Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST), Windhoek Vocational Training Centre (WVTC), Nakayale Vocational Training Centre, the International University of Management (IUM), and Triumphant College.

The internship placements took place between October 2025 and March 2026, providing final-year students with six months of structured workplace exposure in fields essential to Meatco's operations. Through this programme, interns gain hands-on experience that allows them to apply theoretical knowledge in a real industrial and corporate environment.

Interim Chief Executive Officer, Albertus Aochamub emphasised that skills development remains an important investment for the future of Namibia's livestock and red meat industry.

"At Meatco, we believe that investing in young professionals is an investment in the future of Namibia's agricultural economy. The red meat industry depends on a strong pipeline of technical, operational, and managerial skills. Through initiatives such as this internship programme, we are helping to bridge the gap between academic learning and the practical demands of industry," said Aochamub.

He added that Meatco views its role not only as a commercial enterprise, but also as a national institution that contributes to the development of human capital within Namibia's livestock value chain.

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“Our responsibility goes beyond processing and marketing Namibian beef. We must also contribute to building the next generation of professionals who will sustain and grow this sector. Programmes like this allow young Namibians to gain meaningful exposure to industry while strengthening the skills base of our country.”

The interns themselves have expressed appreciation for the opportunity to gain industry exposure.

Fitter and Turner Artisan Angula Nestor said the internship will significantly contribute to his professional development.

“I am honoured for the opportunity to expand my knowledge in the Fitter and Turner trade. This exposure will broaden my scope, and I will link the experience I am going to gain with what I was trained on.”

Human Resources Intern Margory Isaak shared similar sentiments regarding the value of workplace learning.

“I applied for this opportunity because I wanted to put theory into practice. I learned that what we study and what we experience in industry are worlds apart. I am grateful that NUST makes provision for such internships, enabling us to gain corporate knowledge before we complete our studies. I have learned extensively from the entire Human Capital Team. Books provide knowledge in black and white, but reality is grey and requires context and perspective to achieve practical goals.”

In addition to gaining practical experience, interns receive a monthly allowance during the programme.

Meatco remains committed to being a socially responsible corporate citizen, investing in initiatives that contribute to youth empowerment, skills development, and the long-term competitiveness of Namibia’s livestock sector.

Interim Chief Executive Officer Albertus Aochamub further noted that initiatives such as the internship programme form part of Meatco’s broader responsibility to contribute to Namibia’s long-term agricultural development.

“Meatco occupies a strategic position within Namibia’s livestock value chain. As we strengthen our operations and competitiveness in international markets, we must also invest in developing the skills base that will sustain this industry for generations to come,” he said.

“Today’s interns are tomorrow’s technicians, managers, and industry leaders. By opening our doors to young Namibians, we are contributing to the development of a skilled workforce that will support producers, strengthen our processing capacity, and enhance Namibia’s reputation as a supplier of world-class beef.”

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The Government's Internship Programme is designed to support school leavers, TVET trainees, and university graduates by providing meaningful on-the-job training and practical exposure that prepares them for entry into the workforce.

About Meatco

The Meat Corporation of Namibia (Meatco) is Namibia's premier livestock marketing and meat processing company, playing a central role in the country's red meat industry. Meatco markets premium Namibian beef to international markets including the European Union, the United Kingdom, Norway, China, United States of America and regional markets, while supporting thousands of livestock producers across the country. Through its operations and partnerships, Meatco contributes to national economic development, food safety excellence, and the global reputation of Namibian beef.

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