



# NITRP News

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### NITRP— Presidential Brief

The NITRP at its Annual General Meeting held on the 26th of November 2015, nominated Mr. Harold Kisting, Mr. Pieter Genis, Mrs. Coleen Henpundjua, Ms. Kristofina Asino and Ms. Geraldine van Rooi as Board Members. Ms. Petrine Moongela by virtue of being past-president and in line with the NITRP constitution remains part of the Board.

Mr. Kisting was duly elected as President of the body and at the first meeting of the Board the following interim portfolios were assigned: Vice— President: Mr. Genis, Secretary: Ms. Asino, Treasurer—Mrs. Henpundjua and Assistant Public Relations Officer— Ms. van Rooi.

The AGM attendance was quite low and its not clear what has led to such turnout from the members. Despite

that, the Board want the Institute to remain relevant to all members and is thus actively spearheading the renaissance of the NITRP.

In line with that resolution, the following activities were undertaken and/or are underway:

- The Spring School with a focus on Urban Planning Design Guidelines;
- Engaging with the Ministry, *see article on page 3*;
- Awarding Student town planners; *see article on page 3*;
- Celebration of World Town Planning Day; *see calendar at the back*
- Website development
- Improved Administration and Communication.

The renaissance shall be crafted in an integrated manner and as such a survey shall be distributed to all members to gauge their views and perspectives of and on the activities of the institute.

We wish to ensure that the NITRP truly live out its mandate and that such is done in an inclusive manner. Please see back page for a link to the survey.

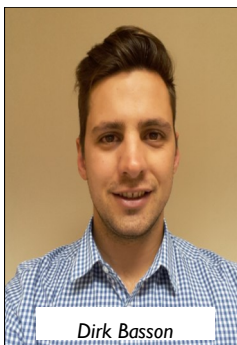


Harold Kisting:  
2016 NITRP President

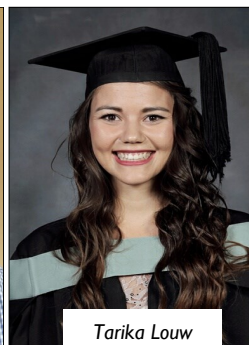
### New NITRP members

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to the three new Town and Regional Planners (in training) to the Namibian Planning Fraternity.

We look forward to engaging them in not only the activities of the NITRP, but in the quest to further the practice of town and regional planning in our country.



Dirk Basson



Tarika Louw



Johann Otto

## NITRP awards best TRP students @ NUST

The NITRP has as one of its objectives 'to promote tuition and research in town and regional planning and also to institute study bursaries, scholarships and prizes.'

The NITRP conferred awards to the best performing students with in the Bachelor of Town and Regional Planning at the Namibia University of Science and Technology.

These awards were generously sponsored by Stewart Planners and Urban Green. The NITRP awarded each student with a book voucher as well as a certificate.



From Left to Right: E. Kashiupulwa, M. Polla & G. Andries

The Best 1st year Student was Mr. Erastus Kashiupulwa.

Mr. G. Andries was the Best 2nd Year Student. He is a bursary holder of the Keetmanshoop Municipality and is a part time intern at Plan Africa Consultants.

Ms. Martha Polla, was the best graduate. Ms. Polla is currently employed Urban Dynamics and will pursue further studies in Transportation Planning as well as Urban and Regional Planning.



Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody.

— Jane Jacobs —

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## Namibia Urban Planning Student Association



The Namibia Urban Planning Students Association (NUPSA) was established in February 2016 by Town and Regional Planning Students of the Namibia University of Science and Technology.

The aim of NUPSA is to unite and to enrich the educational experience of all members of the association that are enrolled in the Town and Regional Planning (TRP) program at the Namibia University of Science and Technology

(NUST) by serving as a liaison between student members and the professional and academic communities of planning.

The association aims to develop and encourage positive relations between the University and the Namibia Institute of Town and Regional Planners; NUPSA also aims to uphold a decent quality of student life, professionalism and mentorship which every

student that's a member, affiliate and alumni to NUPSA has equal rights and privileges too. NUPSA aims to provide coordinated student services that will be focused on the students and also integrated with those of NUST.

NUPSA is driven by values, these values are: passion, fun, innovation, intellectualism, curiosity, collaboration and community service.

## Ministerial Briefing

The NITRP and NCTRP Board Members met with the Deputy Minister of MURD on 21 April 2016.

They briefed the Deputy Minister on:

- the objectives of the NITRP and NCTRP and upcoming events.
- deliberations that took place on the Urban and Regional Planning (URP) Bill with the legal drafters;

need to expedite the tabling of the URP Bill in the parliament to streamline planning applications and related processes;

- need for capacity development at local authorities to ensure full implementation of the URP Bill;
- problems at the City of Windhoek with slow approval of development (planning) applications; and
- Townships Board and NAMPAB ad hoc rules

that pose delays to development applications.

Dep. Min. Klazen explained the need to take the Townships Board, NAMPAB, NITRP and NCTRP board members to regions to gather inputs on broader town and regional planning issues.

He recommended that a briefing meeting between NCTRP/NITRP and the Minister of MURD be organized; thereafter the NCTRP/NITRP should meet with the Townships Board and NAMPAB to further discuss the issues raised.



*Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development:  
Hon. Derrick Klazen*

## Going For the Gold: When Town Planning Was an Olympic Competition

In the first half of the 20th century, the Olympic games actually had a medal competition for town planning. Along with town planning, the lineup of events also included painting, sculpture, literature and music.

Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Games, believed art and architecture were a vital component for his vision of the Olympics. authors and urban planners.

The USA 's first medal at the Nazi Olympics were actually for town planning. Detailed plans for Marine Park which when complete will be the greatest municipal recreation and sports center in the world, are now on view in the Print Gallery of the Brooklyn Museum. The plans are the work of Charles D. Lay, prominent Brooklyn architect, who has incorporated ideas gleaned from recreation centers both in the US and abroad. They include a sea-

side park with two miles of water frontage, a large circular pond and canal for water sports, a yacht basin, a harbor for outboard motorboats, golf courses, swimming pools, athletic fields, parking spaces, a music grove, a zoo, an open air theater and a casino. There will also be a picnic grounds and a stadium seating 100,000.

Read more at <http://www.brooklynology.org/post/2014/02/19/And-the-Medal-Goes-To.aspx>  
<http://www.planetizen.com/node/87885/>



## Council's Contribution: The latest on the Urban and Regional Planning Bill

The Namibian Urban and Rural Planning Bill have been in the making for the past 15 years.

Hopefully the wait for its enactment is not far off as the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development has taken the lead to facilitate this.

A number of strategic stakeholder meetings have been held since May 2016 to ensure that enactment still takes place in this year.

The main focus was to critically interpret and review the clauses contained in the Bill to determine the implications and practicality of the implementation thereof.

The responsibility now rests with the Ministry to ensure that the recommendations for amendments that were made are feasible and such should be synchronized with recommendations from the legal drafters.

Once this process is done, the Bill will be rectified and be forwarded to the Attorney General for its introduction to Parliament during September 2016.

It is only then that the Town and Regional Planning fraternity in Namibia would have an inkling about when the Bill would be enacted.






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## NITRP Events: September – December 2016

September 2016							Date & Event	October 2016						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S		M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3	4	21 Sep: NITRP Spring School 					1	2
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November 2016							08 Nov: World Town Planning Day 	December 2016						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30					08 Nov: NITRP AGM 	26	27	28	29	30	31	

### Let your voice be heard!!!



Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DYWKSZX> to complete the online survey. Your input would help in making the NITRP as relevant and responsive to your needs and aspirations as a member. Should you have trouble accessing the page directly from this newsletter link, then copy the link to your browser.

Please help us to make this newsletter as interesting and relevant as possible by contributing a brief article-100—200 words - regarding your work or anything you may feel other town planners would have an interest in.

Do provide comments on this first issue and on how we could improve our output.

