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## Tax Insights and Compliance: NamRA Educates Triumphant College Stakeholders on the Importance of Tax Compliance

By Secilia David

The Namibia Revenue Agency (NamRA) held a two-hour educational session at Triumphant College on October 10, 2024. In attendance were Kennedy Walinetana, Academic Registrar of Triumphant College; Blessed Mateta, Head of the Department for Accounting, Banking, Finance, Supply Chain, and Logistics; Vinolia Khembo, Lecturer, who moderated the event; and students from Triumphant College. Representing NamRA were Veronika Hango and Fransina Abraham, Senior Tax Officers.



Triumphant College was privileged to welcome a team from NamRA, the authoritative source of tax compliance and regulation in Namibia. Dedicated to ongoing tax education, NamRA continues its efforts to close knowledge gaps and keep the public informed. The visit to Triumphant College was a valuable opportunity for students to receive free educational insights from NamRA’s experts. In his welcoming speech, Mateta said, “Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishments,” emphasising that discipline stems from receiving accurate information. “If you have information from the wrong source, you will lack discipline because you think you are on the right track, yet you are lost,” he added.

Mateta also referenced his favorite words, quoting the College’s Rector Professor Geoffrey Kiyangi during the April graduation ceremony. Kiyangi remarked, “In life, there are three types of people you encounter. The first group consists of those who have no vision or dream; they have nothing to live for. They are called wanderers. The second group comprises those who have a dream and a vision but do nothing to pursue it; they are called dreamers.

The third group includes those who have a dream and a vision, and they take action. These are called achievers.” Building on the Kiyangi’s words, Mateta expressed his appreciation for NamRA’s alignment with the college’s vision of sharing information. “We extend our deepest gratitude to NamRA for their dedication and generosity in addressing us freely, using their own time and resources. NamRA is truly an organisation that leads by example, and we

we should involve God in this shared dream of spreading knowledge,” Mateta stated. Abraham provided the audience with valuable insights on taxation, beginning her presentation with a question: “When we pay taxes, what are we doing? We are enabling our government to provide. To provide public goods, services, fund military equipment, and pay government employees’ salaries.”

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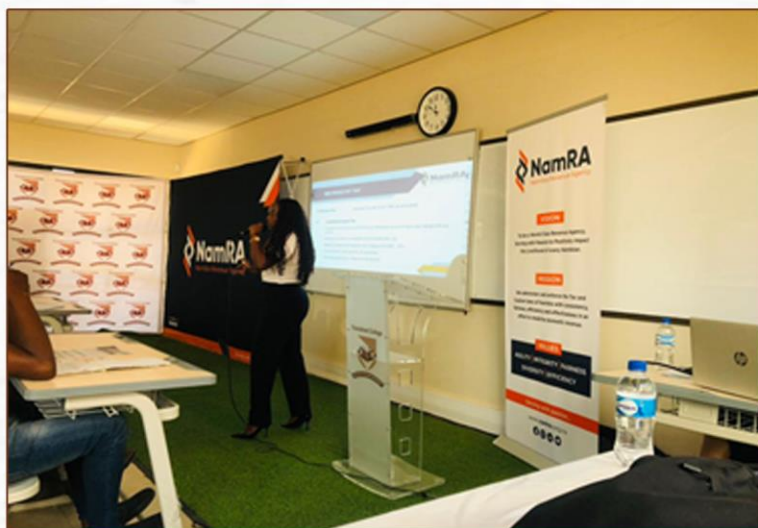
She further highlighted the importance of paying taxes, stressing that without tax contributions, employees would miss out on benefits such as retirement funds and access to government-provided goods and services, such as health-care. She also noted that the government would struggle to fund students, particularly those relying on grants and study loans.

Hango supported her colleague's presentation by discussing the significance of tax compliance. She started by sharing a personal anecdote, stating, "Triumphant College is my home. It's where I earned my first salary after graduating from the Namibia University of Science and Technology." Hango explained that tax compliance means adhering to, obeying, and following governmental regulations. Paying taxes, she emphasised, is a way for citizens to comply with the laws established by the Republic of Namibia concerning taxation. Hango further noted the

importance of promoting tax compliance as an organisation and shared their plans for success. "We promote tax compliance through education. We need to hold more sessions like these to engage the public, so they fully understand what is expected of them," she said. She explained that tax compliance is a process involving three key stages: registration, filing or documenting, and making payments and declarations.

In his closing remarks, Walinetana reiterated, "Every person should have a purpose and direction. To our students, it is essential that you share the knowledge you've gained here with others who couldn't attend. You are the future leaders, the future NamRA personnel." He also expressed his pride upon learning that Hango was a former employee of Triumphant College before joining NamRA, adding, "That is exactly what we want to hear about our students."

## NamRA Addresses Rural Outreach Challenges during Triumphant College's Educational Question-and-Answer Session. *By Secilia David*



The Namibia Revenue Agency (NamRA) held an educational session at Triumphant College on October 10, 2024, aimed at informing stakeholders about the importance of tax compliance. The event featured presentations from NamRA officials, interactive discussions, and a question-and-answer session to address the audience's concerns. The session



concluded with a Q&A where students posed insightful questions, including how NamRA ensures tax education reaches rural areas.

One student asked, "How does NamRA ensure that people in rural areas receive the right information, considering factors such as literacy levels and access to technology?" Magano Naimbale, a Taxpayer Educator at NamRA's Information and Communications Department, responded by explaining that NamRA has offices in all regions and satellite offices in most towns. "We also make it our responsibility to visit malls and distribute pamphlets. Additionally, we are open to sharing our contact details so that any community needing our services can easily reach out," Naimbale added. By addressing student concerns and promoting outreach efforts, NamRA reinforced its role as a key player in national development.