



## LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS BOARD

### TO ALL LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

#### FMD Awareness Campaign and Strategic Meetings

As the risk of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in Namibia increases, every role player in the livestock value chain has a duty to stay informed and actively contribute to maintaining the country's disease-free status in the FMD-free zone. This is critical for meat exports and trade opportunities for Namibia. The Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS) and the Livestock and Livestock Products Board (LLPB) are conducting a roadshow from 8-18 September in the !Karas, Omaheke and Hardap Regions to raise awareness of FMD across the entire livestock value chain in an effort to protect the Namibian FMD-free zone.

The purpose of these sessions is to disseminate information, and also to serve as strategic platforms where farmers and stakeholders can discuss the risk factors and potential consequences of a FMD outbreak, the role of producers and the rest of the value chain, as well as the current control measures in place at border posts.

**The meetings are aimed at reaching farmers, importers, exporters, transporters, auction houses, agents and other stakeholders, with special emphasis on farmers along the southern border, who play a vital role in disease prevention and control efforts.**

**All role players in the livestock value chain are urged to attend these meetings and to support DVS with a positive attitude in their actions to protect the FMD-free zone of Namibia!**

#### MEETING SCHEDULE:

*Programme is from 09:00 – 13:00*

8 September (Monday)	Karasburg: Verre Suide Farmers Association Hall
10 September (Wednesday)	Karasburg Communal Area (Bondelswartz): Gabis Roman Catholic Church Hall
11 September (Thursday)	Aroab: Aroab Farmers Association Hall
12 September (Friday)	Keetmanshoop: Dutch Reform (NG) Church Hall
16 September (Tuesday)	Aminuis: Aminuis Auction Kraals
17 September (Wednesday)	Akanous Mariental: Onder Nossob Farmers Association Hall
18 September (Thursday)	Mariental: NLA Auction Kraals

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## PROGRAMME

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Responsible person/office</b>
<b>09:00 09h30</b>	<b>Welcoming Remarks &amp; Objectives of the Engagement</b>	<b>Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO)/Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer (DCVO)</b>
<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Presentation 1: Overview of Foot and Mouth Disease and its Impact on Animal Health</b>	<b>Dr E Hikufe</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Presentation 2: FMD Situation in SADC and National/Regional Control Measures</b>	<b>Dr V Benhard</b>
<b>10:30– 11:00</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>Presentation 3:Economic Impact of FMD</b>	<b>LLPBN</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>Presentation 4: Role of Farmers in FMD Surveillance and Reporting</b>	<b>Dr S Ekandjo</b>
<b>12:00 – 12:45</b>	<b>Open Discussion and Feedback Session</b>	<b>Facilitators: DVS/LLPBN</b>
<b>12:45 – 13:00</b>	<b>Way Forward &amp; Closing Remarks</b>	<b>CVO/DCVO</b>