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Towards stronger, greener and
more diversified economies

**Taking stock of the Strategic Partnership
and the implementation of its roadmap
2023-2025**

Key dates

- **Nov 2022** (COP 27): MoU on sustainable Raw Materials Value Chains and Renewable Hydrogen
- **Oct 2023** (1st EU-Namibia Business Forum): endorsement of the Roadmap 2023-25
- **Jun 2024, Nov 2024, March 2025**: joint subcommittee meetings monitoring implementation
- **Today**: Renewal for 2026-2030



Roadmap (2023–2025)

Key actions include:

- Conducting studies for developing Walvis Bay Port into a regional logistics and industrial hub for green hydrogen exports.
- Investing in mining, transport, water, and renewable energy infrastructure.
- Developing vocational training programs in green technology fields.
- Supporting Namibia's national hydrogen and synthetic fuels legislation.

Partnership aligns with:

- Namibia's Vision 2030 and NDP6, which emphasize green growth and industrial diversification.
- The EU's Green Deal and Global Gateway Strategy, securing resilient and sustainable global supply chains.

Namibia benefits through job creation, skills transfer, industrial diversification, and infrastructure development, while the EU enhances its strategic autonomy and leadership in the global green transition.



SIX PILLARS OF THE ROADMAP

1.



VALUE CHAIN
INTEGRATION AND
BUSINESS FACILITATION

2.



ESG
CO-OPERATION

3.



MOBILIZATION
OF FUNDING

4.



CAPACITY
BUILDING, TRAINING
AND SKILLS
DEVELOPMENT

5.



CO-OPERATION
ON RESEARCH AND
INNOVATION

6.



REGULATORY
ALIGNMENT





1. Investment Promotion & Integration of Value Chains

Key achievements to date

- **GH2 projects pipeline** for Team Europe investments: HyIron, Hyphen, Zhero, Cleanergy, Daures, etc.
- **CRM projects pipeline** for Team Europe investments: Andrada, Northern Graphite, etc.
- **Pre-feasibility study on CRM beneficiation** completed by MIME
- Mobilisation of Geo-surveys institutes: PanAfGeo+ 1.8 mil EUR with BGR, Lithium value chain: EIB study 2 mil EUR
- **Business networking** facilitated: 2 Business fora, AGH2S, AGIS, Business missions, Rotterdam GH summit
- **Trade and market incentives: CBAM** operational since early 2026, **EU Hydrogen mechanism** launch imminent, **H2 Global 2nd** auction ongoing

Outstanding actions

- Secure offtaking and potential for **market support mechanisms**, e.g. CfDs





2. ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance)

Key achievements to date

- **Citizen engagement and CSO dialogue** on CRM and GH2 developments: 3 EU-funded CSO grants (EUR 2.2m / NAD 42.8m) and ongoing civil society structured dialogue with EU
- **Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)**: study on Namibia's opportunity for accession completed, EITI missions and workshops
- ESG leadership at NGH2P and Steering Committee to conduct **Strategic Environmental and Social Assessments (SESA)** for Southern, Central and Northern Valleys

Outstanding actions

- Namibia's EITI accession under consideration
- ESG steering of NGH2P to be sustained
- Improve citizen engagement and information, sustain CSO participation





3. Mobilisation of Funding & Enabling Infrastructure

Key achievements to date

- **SDG Namibia One Fund** operational, incl. EU and Netherlands contributions. Total of USD 43.9 m committed to projects. USD 11.9m already deployed to **Hyphen, HyIron** and **Zhero**.
- **EU GET.Transform** (EUR 3.5 mil) partnership with MIME on energy planning
- **EU Global Green Bond Initiative (GGBI)** launched in April 2026
- Masterplans for **development of Walvis Bay and Lüderitz ports** completed, additional studies ongoing and potential partnerships Namport/POABI/Port of Rotterdam
- **CUI Global Best Practice study** undertaken and roadmap for CUI implementation developed
- New action 'Making **Lüderitz Town Council Fit for the Future**' launched

Outstanding actions

- EUR 500 mil **framework loan facility** from European Investment Bank still to be rolled out
- New opportunities on ports and rail development





4. Capacity building, skills and training

Key achievements to date

- **Namibia Green Hydrogen Programme (NGH2P)** spearheading the development of the sector, with donor support (EUR 8.85m - EU 1.25m; NL 3m; DE 4.6m)
- National Task Force for Education, Training and Research is spearheading the development of a **Skills Development Strategy and Plan (SDSP)**.
- **New Team Europe TVET programme** building on existing partnerships with NTA, on IGNITE GH2 grant (EUR 2m) and on GIZ's ProTVET; New 'Opportunity-driven TVET' intervention under preparation for 2027 launch, together with National Task Force.

Outstanding actions

- Firm up **NGH2P** institutional sustainability perspectives
- Increase Namibia's uptake of **Erasmus+** mobility and capacity-building opportunities





5. Cooperation on research and innovation

Key achievements to date

- **AfricaMaVal case study** completed in 2024 on Namibia's CRM value chains, highlighting potential investment opportunities, financing regulations and governance framework
- **PanAfGeo+ country window** (EUR 1.8 mil) to be launched in 2026, together with BGR
- **Horizon Europe** Completion of Horizon GreenPeg project targeting buried pegmatite deposits - the same geology that makes Namibia a high-potential CRM partner; Horizon Undercover Project for innovative deep exploration tech; and AfricaMaVal

Outstanding actions

- **Horizon Europe** opportunities still underutilised, to be further mobilised





6. Regulatory development and alignment

Key achievements to date

- Drafting of **National Policy on Green Hydrogen and Derivatives** started in June 2024, with a view of completing proposed Bill and Regulations by end 2026
- Analyses are ongoing regarding the **fiscal regime** in Namibia underlying the GH2 sector in collaboration with Ministry of Finance.
- The Namibia Green Hydrogen Association (NAMGHA) has embarked on a complementary analysis to support NGH2P's existing efforts
- Support to development of **Namibia's national CRM strategy** to start in June 2026

Outstanding actions

- Enactment of relevant **acts and regulations** (e.g. mining act, synthetic fuel act)





Conclusion

The roadmap offers a transformative opportunity to combine:

- Sustainable development;
- Climate action;
- Industrialization; and
- energy security.

Its success will depend on:

- Inclusive partnerships;
- Local value creation;
- Infrastructure investment;
- Skills development; and
- long-term policy certainty.

The partnership can become a global model for equitable green industrial cooperation between Africa and Europe.

