

Development of a sector growth strategy for the Namibian agro-processing

The Namibian Ministry of Industrialization, Trade & SME Development (MITSD) appointed OABS as suitably qualified and experienced team of consultants to develop a Sector Growth Strategy, which:

- is based on thorough research of the existing value chains and manufacturing capacities of the Namibian agro-processing industry and the sector-specific constraints and opportunities
- Explore the feasibility of A 'Buy Local Policy' to consolidate all current efforts and ongoing initiatives
- motivates and integrates the key stakeholders and in particular the domestic farmers in the agro-processing industry throughout the entire process
- defines concrete interventions which can be jointly implemented by the public and private sector to upgrade the manufacturing capacities, increase growth and investment, enhance domestic value addition, and create employment in the agro-processing industry
- utilises synergies between the policies and interventions of different Ministries and Agencies as well as MTI Departments and Directorates (e.g. SME Policy, National Agricultural Policy, Industrial Policy, and Foreign policy).
- Furthermore, the project is supposed to contribute towards building up the capacities within the MTI and affiliated Agencies with respect to research and strategy development combining the sectoral and value chain perspective.