

Understanding and Managing Desertification Tipping Points in Dryland Social-Ecological Systems – A Namibian Perspective

NamTip Phase 2 Kick-Off Workshop



March 04th– 05th, 2024

Venue: NIPAM, 27 Paul Nash Street, Olympia, Windhoek, Namibia

* Partially in hybrid format (virtual participation possible via ZOOM)

Program

March 4th, 2024

NamTip Meeting – Day I

Opening & Introduction (Chair: Anja Linstädter; hybrid format*)

8:00–8:15

- Welcome greetings
- Introduction

Scientific Highlights & Reflection on NamTip Phase 1 (Chair: A. Sandhage-Hofmann; hybrid*)

8:15–10:30

Live presentation of selected publications (or very advanced manuscripts) by NamTip scientists: starting from concrete research questions and reflecting on the implications for NamTip Phase 2:

10 min presentation + 5 min discussion

8:15–8:30	Faith Munyebvu-Chambara
8:30–8:45	Lisa Schwarz
8:45–9:00	Ndamonenghenda Hamunyela
9:00–9:15	Florian Männer
9:15–9:30	Katrin Zimmer
9:30–9:45	Vistorina Amputu
9:45–10:00	Diego Menestrey Schwieger
10:00–10:15	Stefan Liehr
10:15–10:30	Gunnar Dreßler
10:30–10:45	Coffee Break

Research and Publications Plans for NamTip Phase 2 (Chair: Anja Linstädter; hybrid format*)

10:45–14:00

Live presentation for each WP (leading PI) of Phase 2 on their research and publication plans ([according to project proposal and milestones' list](#)):

15 min presentation + 5 min discussion

10:45–11:05	WP 1 - UP+ISOE (Anja Linstädter, Stefan Liehr)
11:05–11:25	WP 3 - ISOE+UP (Ildikó Orbán, Stefan Liehr)
11:25–11:45	WP 4 - UoC+UP (Diego Menestrey Schwieger, Anja Linstädter)
11:45–12:05	WP 5 - NUST+ISOE (Meed Mbidzo, Stefan Liehr)
12:05–12:25	WP 6 - UB+UoC (Alexandra Sandhage-Hofmann, Diego Menestrey Schwieger)
12:25–13:30	Lunch Break
13:30–14:00	WP 2+7 - UFZ+UT (Gunnar Dreßler, Vistorina Amputu)

Parallel sessions: Research and Publications plans for NamTip Phase 2

14:00–15:15

- (If needed) Parallel group discussions to clarify responsibility inside of interdisciplinary WPs

15:15-15:30 Coffee Break

Finalization of Publication Plan (Chair: Gunnar Dreßler; hybrid format*)

15:30-16:15

- Reporting back from parallel sessions
- Compilation of publication plan with clear responsibilities and timeline

Wrap up/Closing of Day I (Chair: Meed Mbidzo; hybrid format*)

16:15-16:30

- Wrap up, feedback and closing of the day

NamTip PhD Meeting

(NamTip PhDs only!)

16:45-17:30

PI Meeting

(NamTip PIs only!)

16:45-17:30

March 5th, 2024

NamTip Meeting - Day II

Opening & Introduction (Chair: Anja Linstädter; hybrid format*)

8:00–8:30

- Warm up
- Plan for the day
- Reporting back from NamTip PhD Meeting and PI Meeting

Data Sharing and Publication Policy (Chair: Thomas Bringham; hybrid format*)

8:30–9:30

- Presentation of the Policy and discussion
- Formal approval of the Policy

Preparation of Stakeholder Workshop (Chair: Stefan Liehr; hybrid format*)

9:30–10:30

- Preparation of materials and discussions on forms of interaction

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

(continues) Preparation of Stakeholder Workshop (Chair: Stefan Liehr; hybrid format*)

10:45–11:15

- Preparation of materials and discussions on forms of interaction

***Parallel session 1: Ecological Data Analysis in NamTip (Chair: Mark Bilton)**

11:15–12:30

- Presentation on how to analyze data on climate + grazing manipulation
- Discussion with scientists

***Parallel session 2: Initial Planning of Collaborative Paper on NamTip Tier 1 (Chair: Diego Menestrey)**

11:15–12:30

- Initial planning of collaborative paper on NamTip Tier 1 with special focus on the social subsystem

12:25-13:30 Lunch Break

***Parallel session 1: Work on Research Concept Paper (Chair: Ildikó Orbán)**

13:30–14:30

- Update on the status of the manuscript and next steps (incl. distribution of tasks)

***Parallel session 2: Empty slot for additional topics (Chair: tbd)**

13:30–14:30

- Topic(s) depending on needs emerging during the Meeting

Plenary session: (Chair: Diego Menestrey; hybrid format*)

14:30–16:30

- **Reporting back from parallel sessions**
- **Brainstorming on NamTip Final Meeting and Summer School**
 - Internationally visible final meeting
 - Topics (and potential trainers) for Summer School

15:15-15:30 Coffee Break

- **Brainstorming on dissemination tools**
 - Animated videos on desertification and bush encroachment (?)
 - Policy briefs
 - Fact sheets
- **Any other topic**

Wrap up/Closing of NamTip Kick-Off Meeting (Chair: Stefan Liehr; hybrid format*)

16:30-17:00

- Wrap up, feedback (incl. evaluation) and closing of NamTip Kick-Off Meeting

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NamTip Stakeholder Workshop



March 06th, 2024

Venue: NIPAM, 27 Paul Nash Street, Olympia, Windhoek, Namibia

* Only in physical presence

Program

Opening & Introduction (Chair: Stefan Liehr, Anja Linstädter)

8:30–9:00

- Welcome notes
- Round of introductions or warm-up exercise
- Presentation of workshop's objectives

Session #1: Project presentation and sharing of results (Chair: Bertus Kruger)

9:00–10:30

- Presentation of results and products from NamTip Phase I
- Reflection with discussion and dialogue
- Introduce research plans for NamTip Phase II
- Feedback about thematic interests and effective types of products

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

Session #2: Climate change impacts on rangeland management (Chair: Bertus Kruger)

11:00–12:30

- Input talk on "Climate change impacts on rangeland management"
- Group work

12:30–13:30 Lunch and Group Picture

Session #2 continued (Chair: Bertus Kruger)

13:30–14:00

- Plenary collection of session results

Session #3: (Modelling) Scenarios of future rangeland management (Chair: Bertus Kruger)

14:00–15:30

- Input talk on "(Modelling) Scenarios of future rangeland management" (Gunnar Dreßler)
- Group work

15:30–15:45 Coffee Break

Session #3 continued (Chair: Bertus Kruger)

15:45–16:15

- Plenary collection of session results

Final Remarks and Closing (Chair: Bertus Kruger, Stefan Liehr, Anja Linstädter)

16:15–16:30

- Conclusion of Stakeholder Workshop, outlook, feedback and thanksgiving

19:00 NamTip Dinner with Stakeholders at Arebbusch Lodge

Contact

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