

## CELEBRATING A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT ON THE WORLD METROLOGY DAY

The Metre Convention was signed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 1875. This diplomatic treaty provides the basis for a uniform measurement system worldwide. The 20<sup>th</sup> of May is thus commemorated by the measurement community world-wide to raise awareness on the importance of accurate, reliable and internationally accepted measurements in everyday life.

This year's theme was appropriately dubbed *measurements in daily life*. One may be astounded by the number of measurements one subconsciously encounters in the course of a typical day. For example, checking the time when the alarm clock wakes you up, purchasing food or produce at the supermarket, filling up a vehicle with fuel, being stopped by traffic police for over-speeding while on your way to visit the doctor for routine blood pressure check.

Namibia joined the international community in commemorating the World Metrology Day with a week-long series of media promotional events from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2013:

Date	Activity	Interviewees	Medium
14 May 2013	Pre-recorded radio interview	Dr E Mvula & V Mundembe	Radiowave
14 May 2013	Pre-recorded radio interview	Dr E Mvula	Base FM
15 May 2013	Live interview radio broadcast	Dr E Mvula & Mr V Mundembe	NBC National Radio
16 May 2013	Live Interview TV broadcast (Good Morning Namibia Show)	Mr V R Mundembe	NBC Television
20 May 2013	Live Interview TV broadcast (Business Today Show)	Mr V R Mundembe	NBC Television

The commemoration coincided with the official presentation of the Accreditation Certificate to the NSI Mass Metrology Calibration Laboratory, by the multi-economy accreditation body servicing some economies in SADC (including Namibia), the Southern African Development Community Accreditation Services (SADCAS) during a gala event on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2013. The NSI Metrology Laboratory is the first laboratory to be accredited for calibration services in Namibia. Accreditation, which is defined as the process by which an authoritative body gives formal recognition to an organization or person's competence to carry out specific tasks, involves the creation of confidence in the work carried out by calibration laboratories, testing laboratories, certification bodies and inspection bodies. Accreditation is the basis of trust.

The celebrations were graced by the presence of Hon. Calle Schletwein, MP., Minister of Trade and Industry who delivered the keynote address. Dr. Matha Kandawa-Schulz, Chairperson Namibian Standards Council welcomed the guests and the NSI CEO Mr Riundja Ali Kaakunga (Othy) delivered a speech on behalf of the NSI.

Performances by the *UNAM Choir*, metrology drama by *Township Productions* and a comic Director of Ceremonies *Neville Bason* set the evening alight with excitement for the guests.





