

### 1<sup>st</sup> Day, July 17 2017

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12:00 – 14:00	Registration
14:00 – 14:15	Welcome address and opening of the National Rangeland Forum Piet Stoman   NAU, Isaac Mapaure   UNAM, Florian Jeltsch   University of Potsdam
14:15 – 15:00	Keynote 1: "The function of rangelands in socio-ecological cohesion and conflict" Morgan Hauptfleisch   NUST, Agriculture and Natural Resources Sciences
15:00 – 15:45	Opening Discussion: Is rangeland management needed? Daisy Nheta – Manungo   Namibia National Farmers Union (NNFU)
15:45 – 16:30	Poster session 1 & tea break (OPTIMASS research posters)
16:30 – 17:00	OPTIMASS – An overview Florian Jeltsch   OPTIMASS / University of Potsdam
17:00 – 17:30	Access to markets Fortunato Pereira Makuti   Namibia National Farmers Union (NNFU)
17:30 – 17:45	Launch of bush encroachment expert system Dave Joubert   GIZ
18:00 – 20:30	Braai

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8:30 – 09:15	Keynote 2: Restoration of bush encroached Savannas Klaus Kellner   North West University, RSA
09:15 – 09:45	Rotational grazing management strategies – surveys and simulations Dirk Lohmann & Jenny Bischofberger   OPTIMASS, Germany
09:45 – 10:15	Rangeland forage biomass production and composition under different grazing regimes on a Namibian organic livestock farm Judith Isele   Farmer, Namibia
10:15 – 11:00	Poster session 2 & tea break (OPTIMASS research posters)
11:00 – 11:30	Sometimes obvious and sometimes hidden - the importance and vulnerability of Water in savanna rangelands Heike Wanke   OPTIMASS, Namibia & Katja Geissler   OPTIMASS, Germany
11:30 – 12:00	Impacts of shrub encroachment on animal diversity in savanna rangelands Niels Blaum & Arnim Marquart   Uni Potsdam / OPTIMASS, Germany
12:00 – 12:30	Take Nature more seriously, when it comes to sustainable Farming Joe Gaugler   Farmer, Namibia



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12:30 – 13:45	Lunch break
13:45 – 14:15	Reseeding <i>Antheophora pubescens</i> and <i>Brachiara nigropedata</i> as a restoration measure at the Waterberg Allan Kandjai, & Dave Joubert   NUST / OPTIMASS, Namibia
14:15 – 14:45	Reintroduction of indigenous perennial grass Aaron Nangolo   Otjombinde conservancy
14:45 – 15:15	Knowledge exchange Jenny Bischofberger   Institute for Social Ecological Research (ISOE)
15:15 – 15:45	Tea break
15:45 – 16:15	Bush-based animal feed production by the MAWF/GIZ Support to De-bushing Project Dagmar Honsbein   MAWF/GIZ, Namibia
16:15 – 16:45	Wood value addition in Namibia: some opportunities and challenges Axel Rothauge   AgriConsult, Namibia
16:45 – 17:15	Bio Energy Towards Sustainable Development Dagmar Honsbein   N-BIG, Namibia
17:15 – 17:45	Concluding Discussion Florian Jeltsch   Uni Potsdam / OPTIMASS
17:45 – 18:15	Discussion of burning issues: UN year of Rangelands and Pastoralism, Namibia's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Land Conference: what about the NRF? Kahepako Kakujaha
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner

The NRF 2017 is hosted by the OPTIMASS project (**O**ptions for sustainable geo-biosphere feedback **m**anagement in **s**avanna **s**ystems under regional and global change). More information can be found at [www.OPTIMASS.org](http://www.OPTIMASS.org)

If you have any questions regarding the NRF or OPTIMASS please send an email to [OPTIMASS@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:OPTIMASS@uni-potsdam.de)



### 3rd Day, July 19 2017 (Excursion)

Farm Hebron

8:00 – 13:00 Excursion to farm Hebron (Gerd Woelbling)

On the farm we will see and discuss topics like:

- Bush-clearing
- Rotational herd management & resting
- Maintaining grass
- And more...

Directions from NRF venue to farm Hebron:

Drive on B1 towards Okahandja. After 27km turn left on tarroad C22 to Okakarara. At entrance of Okakarara do NOT turn left into town, but go straight on gravel road. After 400m turn right on C22 to Okondjatu/Otjinene. After 9km turn right onto D2446. After 7km you have reached Farm Hebron.

Gathering point will be between gravel road and blue 20' containers.

