MISIS University expands its partnership with Namibia

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During the 11th meeting of the Intergovernmental Russian-Namibian Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation, held in Windhoek, MISIS University presented its experience in implementing joint educational programs with the participation of African industry partners.



Particular attention was paid to expanding cooperation in the fields of science and higher education. Specifically, the parties agreed to facilitate the expansion of ties between scientific organizations of the two countries, including the development of academic mobility programs, the implementation of educational programs and research projects, and the holding of specialized international exhibitions, conferences, and seminars.

The Russian side expressed interest in participating in the project to develop the "Krylya" (Wings) uranium deposit and in cooperation in the field of nuclear energy, and also expressed readiness to collaborate in geology and subsoil management. Masamba Kah, Project Leader for Industrial-Educational Partnership between NUST MISIS and African countries, presented the university's experience in training highly qualified personnel to meet the needs of industrial partners. In particular, he spoke about the educational program "Mining Geology," related to uranium extraction in Namibia, which is being implemented on behalf of the international group Uranium One (part of the management structure of the TENEX group of companies of the Rosatom State Corporation). The African side emphasized that the university's high degree of integration with industry is a key competency necessary for aligning educational programs with world-class requirements.

"Our colleagues from Namibia showed particular interest in MISIS's industrial-educational partnership project, aimed at localizing knowledge and competencies within major industry initiatives. Following the meeting, we plan to expand our joint work with African partners. This will be another step in the

formation of international educational tracks and the training of specialists for the global mining industry," said Masamba Kah.

Following the presentation, the parties agreed to develop joint master's programs and other areas of professional training within the framework of the pilot project for transitioning to a renewed model of higher education.

The Russian-Namibian Intergovernmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation was established in 2005 and is a key platform for the development of bilateral relations. Within the framework of the commission, issues of expanding partnership in strategically significant economic sectors and personnel training for sustainable development are discussed. The Russian part of the commission is chaired by Yury Trutnev, Deputy Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation – Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District. The Namibian part of the commission is chaired by Selma Ashipala-Musavyi, Minister of International Relations and Trade of the Republic of Namibia.

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