

News Release:

The process to develop a National Forest Stewardship Standard (NFSS) in Namibia is underway!

The proposal to develop the locally relevant forest management standard was accepted by FSC International in August 2017. Six Namibian nationals were selected to form the Standard Development Group (SDG). The SDG is a chamber balanced working group tasked with the development of the Indicators contained within the FSC NFSS.

Environmental Chamber – Peter Cunningham, Stephan Bezuidenhout

Economic Chamber – Dagmar Honsbein, Frank Detering

Social Chamber – Auriol Ashby, Willem Enslin



The process of developing the NFSS follows strict guidelines to ensure that the NFSS results in an internationally recognised forest certification standard. These guidelines (FSC-STD-60-002; FSC-STD-60-004; FSC-STD-60-006; FSC-PRO-60-006; FSC-STD-01-001 V5-2) may be obtained from the FSC website – <https://ic.fsc.org/en/document-center>

The first Draft of the NFSS considered comments received from experts, representatives of key interest groups and government officials. The Draft is now open for Public consultation for 60 days (01 February – 02 April 2018).

Comments from the Public may be submitted in English or Afrikaans via the comments form. All comments received shall be considered as being publicly available, unless the contributor explicitly requests that the comments should be treated confidentially. Anonymous comments shall not be considered.

Comments received in other languages or verbally shall be considered as informal comments. Informal comments will be responded to in so far as capacity allows.

Stakeholders may access a copy of the Draft NFSS via [FSC Africa](#) or [www.ncanamibia.com](http://www.ncanamibia.com)

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