



## **HIS EXCELLENCY DR. HIFIKEPUNYE POHAMBAMBA, AWHF PATRON, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA HOSTS THE AWHF BUSINESS LEADERS BREAKFAST IN WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA**

The Patron of the African World Heritage Fund, His Excellency Dr. Hifikepune Pohamba, Former President of the Republic of Namibia hosted the AWHF Business Leaders Breakfast event on 14<sup>th</sup> September in Windhoek, Namibia themed *“Investing in Heritage”*. The event was organized jointly with the government of Namibia through the Office of the Former President and the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture.

The event saw participation from the private sector, renowned business entities and embassies on issues of World Natural and Cultural Heritage protection and promotion. It raised a sense of ownership, stewardship and accountability for heritage protection and transmission of World Heritage sites in Namibia and Africa.



*His Excellency Dr. Hifikepune Pohamba with his invited dignitary guests (Government Officials, Companies, Embassies & Individuals)*



*His Excellency Dr. Hifikepunye Pohamba greeting the audience upon his arrival*

## **OVER 300 000.00 (NAD) RAISED**

The fundraising business leader's breakfast event gathered more than fifty guests including officials from the Private Sector, Namibia and South African Government, as well as various Ambassadors and intergovernmental organisations in Namibia and Africa. Amongst the dignitaries were the Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture in Namibia, Ms. Esther Anna Nghipondoka and the Deputy Minister of Arts and Culture South African, Ms. Makhotso Magdeline Soty. The Namibian government reiterated their continued commitment to supporting the operations of the Fund while the South African Government expressed the value of their long term support to the work of the Fund as the host country.







The support to the development of heritage on the continent was demonstrated by the financial pledges made by various participants during the event totaling over **300 000.00 NAD** which included individual contributions.



**Cultural dancers performing for His Excellency Dr. Hifikepunye Pohamba at the Business Leaders Breakfast**

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