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Summary

This was presentation by Emily Mutotu-Outreach Manager, about the training, research and community outreach programs and efforts at Gobabeb Training and Research Center. In an effort to promote sustainable lifestyle in the Namib Desert, the contribution of the centre was crucial since its establishment as a merger of Desert Research Foundation of Namibia and Ministry of Environment and Tourism. Outdoor learning is the training philosophy where trainees enjoy the exposure to direct arid land ecology and the opportunity to mix and interact with various researchers visiting the center and working on a multitude of topics. The program activities include !Nara production, Kuiseb basin management, and Namibia coast conservation and management.

According to Emily Mutotu, the community programs in the Centre include sustainable agriculture, appropriate technology, tour guide training and livestock management. The outreach program follows a two-way process where media, public open days, conference networking and publication of findings on the program issues serve as a link to reach and raise awareness of stakeholders. In an effort to diversify the livelihood options of the communities dwelling in the Namib, the engagement in tourism business creates a demand supply chain in the tourism facilities to be realized. It is thus expected to pay the community off a supportive option of advertizing its culture, providing sustainable and fair income source from eco-tourism initiatives. Promising efforts are underway as reported.

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