

# **NAMIBIA**









#### GOVERNMENT

### **Chief of State**

President Hage GEINGOB

#### **Head of Government**

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# **Government Type**

presidential republic

# Capital

Windhoek

# Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the National Council (42 seats) and the National Assembly (104 seats)

# **Judiciary**

Supreme Court (consists of the chief justice and at least 3 judges)

#### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Monica NASHANDI

# **US Ambassador**

Ambassador Lisa A. JOHNSON

# **GEOGRAPHY**

#### Area

Total: 824,292 sq km Land: 823,290 sq km Water: 1,002 sq km

#### Climate

desert; hot, dry; rainfall sparse and erratic

#### **Natural Resources**

diamonds, copper, uranium, gold, silver, lead, tin, lithium, cadmium, tungsten, zinc, salt, hydropower, fish, note, suspected deposits of oil, coal, and iron ore

# **ECONOMY**

#### **Economic Overview**

heavily dependent on the extraction and processing of minerals for export; mining accounts for about 12.5% of GDP, but provides more than 50% of foreign exchange earnings; one of the world's largest producers of uranium

# **GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)**

\$26.6 billion (2017 est.)

# **GDP** per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$11,200 (2017 est.)

# **Exports**

\$3.99 billion (2017 est.)

partners: South Africa 27.1%, Botswana 14.9%, Switzerland 12%,

Zambia 5.7%, China 4.6%, Italy 4.4% (2017)

### **Imports**

\$5.38 billion (2017 est.)

partners: South Africa 61.4% (2017)

# **PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

# **Population**

2.6 million (July 2020 est.)

# **Population Growth**

1.86% (2020 est.)

#### **Ethnicity**

Ovambo 50%, Kavangos 9%, Herero 7%, Damara

7%, mixed European and African ancestry 6.5%, European 6%, Nama 5%, Caprivian 4%, other 5.5%

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# Language

Oshiwambo languages 49.7%, Nama/Damara 11%, Kavango languages 10.4%, Afrikaans 9.4%, Herero languages 9.2%, Zambezi languages 4.9%, English (official) 2.3%, other 3.2% (2016 est.)

#### Religion

Christian 80% to 90% (at least 50% Lutheran), indigenous beliefs 10% to 20%

# Urbanization

urban population: 52% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 4.2% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

# Literacy

91.5% (2018)