

# Nust, Unam sign partnership deal

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EDUCATION PARTNERS ... Unam vice chancellor Kenneth Matengu (left) and Andrew Nnikondo, acting vice chancellor of Nust, during the two universities' partnership deal signing ceremony. Photo: Contributed

He also remarked: “In some instances, the national and international funding agencies encourage strong partnerships among local universities as evidence of economic collaboration to eliminate unneeded expenditure and achieve economies of scale and cost savings.”

Nnikondo further noted that the two universities have existing partnerships in areas such as agriculture, and that their latest agreement is an extension of this collaboration.

Unam vice-chancellor Kenneth Matengu also remarked that the two universities are collaborating on innovation, including a partnership with the Namibia Business Innovation Institute for the manufacturing of respirators and surgical masks.

“We encourage more products in project development and market place innovation,” Matengu said.

Nust's communications department also said the parameters of the agreement, which was signed on Tuesday, vary in scope and levels of implementation. The cooperation deal between the universities will be at discipline level in the fields of computer science, engineering and medicine, and also at the level of service provision, in respect of libraries and science laboratories.

At an institutional level the universities will cooperate on research and quality assurance.

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