

MEDIA RELEASE

ANNA TO ACCELERATE REGIONAL ELECTRICITY PARTICIPATION

The Angola-Namibia (ANNA) Interconnector Transmission Line Project, which was enacted with the signing of key agreements in Luanda on 14 April 2026, signifies the strength of bilateral relations between the Republic of Namibia and the Republic of Angola, specifically in deepening shared commitment to cooperation in the energy sector and to promote a common vision of regional integration, energy security, and sustainable development.

The Namibian Government, through Cabinet, approved the development of the Angola-Namibia (ANNA) Project as a strategic infrastructure investment by the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy, through NamPower in February 2026. The approval followed an Inter-Governmental Memorandum of Understanding (IGMoU) signed between the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy and the Angolan Ministry of Water and Energy, in 2018.

The two national power utilities, Namibia's NamPower and Angola's Rede Nacional de Transporte de Electricidade (RNT-EP), signed a Joint Development Agreement and a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), providing the technical, institutional, and commercial framework for implementing the Angola-Namibia Power Interconnector Project (ANNA).

Speaking at the signing ceremony, NamPower's Managing Director, Mr Kahenge Haulofu, stated that, as energy demand across the SADC region continues to rise, coupled with persistent supply constraints, the project offers a practical and forward-looking solution.

"The ANNA Project creates an opportunity to optimise and share our respective energy resources more effectively, thereby supporting the evolving needs of the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) and contributing to regional energy security". The development of the ANNA Project forms part of NamPower's strategic initiatives as part of its Integrated Strategy and Business Plan (2026 – 2030) and is in line with the National Integrated Resource Plan (NIRP).

Angola's RNT-EP at the occasion stated that the agreements reinforce its position as a competitive supplier of electricity in the SADC region, while creating the conditions for active participation in the regional electricity market under the SAPP.

The ANNA Transmission Interconnector Project entails the construction of a 160 km (30 km in Namibia) 400 kV line between Kunene (Namibia) and Cahama (Angola) substations, including 400 kV line feeder bays, 400kV/330 kV transformation and an SVC at Kunene Substation. The interconnector will further be supported by the construction of a 270 km transmission line between Omatando and Otjikoto substations in Namibia.

The Interconnector will be solely financed by the Republic of Namibia, and in return Namibia has secured 300MW firm power supply at a negotiated tariff. The negotiated tariff arrangement will enable Namibia to recover investment costs, for development and construction of assets within the Angolan jurisdiction and associated infrastructures in Namibia. The Project, with a total cost of N\$4.0 billion, is financed by the Namibian Government through the National Energy Fund (NEF), which is consistent with the Fund's mandate to promote infrastructure development that improves energy access and affordability. The amount of N\$941 million as communicated in the Media Release of 14 April 2026 will be part of the total project cost of N\$4 billion.

NamPower has so far initiated several project development activities, such as obtaining the required environmental clearances and undertaking transmission line routing studies.