

2026 SANORD Annual Conference

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Welcome Message from the Vice-Chancellor



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Namibia and to the 2026 Southern African–Nordic Centre (SANORD) Annual Scientific Conference, hosted by the University of Namibia in Windhoek.

Namibia is a country of remarkable landscapes, vibrant cultures, and a deep commitment to sustainable development. At the heart of this environment stands the University of Namibia, a national institution dedicated to advancing knowledge, research, and innovation for the benefit of society.

Through our 12 campuses and diverse research initiatives, UNAM contributes actively to global conversations on climate resilience, renewable energy, public health, indigenous knowledge, and inclusive development.

The SANORD network represents an inspiring partnership between institutions in Southern Africa and the Nordic region. By bringing together scholars, students, policymakers, and practitioners, this conference provides a valuable platform to exchange ideas, challenge established paradigms, and collectively explore new pathways for shared development.

We look forward to welcoming you to Windhoek, where academic dialogue will be enriched by Namibia's renowned hospitality, cultural diversity, and spirit of collaboration.

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