

CELEBRATING A LEGACY



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Distell Namibia bids farewell to Mr. Klaus Niefert, our long serving Board Chairman, a man whose tenure was highlighted by growth and stability. Mr. Niefert recently retired after 40 years at the helm of the company.

Certainly, one of the most influential people and father figure to many within the organisation. He recently shared two of his proudest moments, being appointed as Board Chairman and the merger of the parent companies, Stellenbosch Farmers Winery and Distillers Corporation forming the Distell we love and know today.

Attributing his success as a leader to both his financial background and pragmatic nature. "I overcame barriers by listening and acting in the interest of the company and its employees. I think we have an exceptional workforce, who know exactly what they are doing. Distell Namibia has the best people in this trade," he narrated as he reminisced about the past.

Incoming Board Chairman Mr. Amos Shiyuka vowed to continue building Mr. Niefert's legacy during his tenure. "I'm blessed to be taking over from Mr. Niefert who has laid a very strong foundation. He has been and continues to be an inspiration to us all," the seasoned entrepreneur mentioned.

Whilst welcoming Mr. Shiyuka to the Distell team, Leon Fouche, Managing Director of Distell Namibia, commended Mr. Niefert for a job well-done. Fondly adding that both Mr. Niefert and Mr. Shiyuka, exemplify the three values that Distell Namibia looks for in a leader, namely humility, hunger and being people smart.

"His teachings are the pillars we stand on today and I was abundantly privileged having been served by him as our Chairman. On behalf of the entire Distell Family our deepest gratitude and thanks," Mr. Fouche concluded.