

Fridays for Future

We don't have time! We need to act now! There is no point in going to school, if there is no future! Please wake up and open your eyes to the disaster around you! We are destroying our planet every day, every hour every minute every second. Right now, in this second someone has used a plastic bag, a plastic straw and a plastic take-away container. Tons and tons of waste every second. Right this second someone has started their car and emitted dangerous gases to our air causing damage to the atmosphere and contribute to climate change and global warming.

Global warming isn't real? How's the rain in Namibia? February, the month with the heaviest precipitation forecast: zero mm of rain 2019! But climate change isn't real, right? It is, and we need to act now. There is no planet-B! There is no more time left! There is no point in going to school if there is no future for us. We need to change our behavior right now!

YOU have the power! Help us save this planet for YOUR children, grandchildren, great grandchildren.

We are aware that Namibia does not contribute as much to the increase in green-house gases, ocean pollution and production of plastic. Major industrial countries such as the United States, China or European countries are the main culprits. However, we are definitely suffering under the consequences that come with climate change! Extreme droughts, temperature increases, suffering animals and polluted landscapes. Those major countries have all the resources to act and bring big results. But we should not be dependent on them. We must start now within our own borders and better ourselves for a greener and more sustainable Namibia!

Sincerely the Model United Nations group of the DHPS

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Summary of our goals, proposals and resolutions:

1. Create more awareness and educate people about the climate crisis and on how to contribute to the solution throughout the country;
2. Having more refuse and recycle bins available in public spaces and also in rural areas this would have to be accompanied by stricter recycling policies, including dependable refuse collection mechanisms;
3. Introducing more buses including school buses and bus stops across the country to reduce the number of cars on the road. Installing CO2 emission measurement devices to properly track air pollution development.
4. Stop or decrease deforestation in the northern part of Namibia by creating stricter policies and increasing permit prices.
5. Ban single use plastics such as plastic straws and plastic bags similar to Rwanda. As alternatives reusable straws should be implemented and paper bags and clothe bags should be used when shopping.
6. Create a refundable plastic bottle system similar to the ones elsewhere. This will encourage recycling.

Action needs to be taken now before the damage is irreversible. We expect to see results in the near future!

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Good morning Honorable Parliamentarians and public,

We are Namibian pupils predominantly but not only from the DHPS (Deutsche Hoehere Privat Schule) and we have gathered fight against climate change!

This global movement started by the Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg is about us teenagers taking our future into our own hands and trying to change the earth for better! Pupils around the world don't only march on this day, but almost every Friday. We, as young Namibians find it important to also make our voices heard within our own country as Namibia is also affected by Climate Change!

We are currently living on this planet as if we had another one to go to. Having many more refuse bins as well as separation bins available to the public, would encourage and enable Namibians to be more conscious about our environment – Recycle - Reuse - Reduce. Start small and recycle today for a better tomorrow!

With a population of more than 400 000 in Windhoek alone and everyone needing to get somewhere, our air's quality worsens as the days progress. Not only is it damaging to our ecosystem, but also our health. Nobody would love to live in a future where leaving your home

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