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Actionable Roadmap for Establishing an Independent Offshore Petroleum Safety Regulator in Namibia

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Creating an Independent Offshore Petroleum Safety Regulator

- Statutory body with authority to enforce offshore safety laws
- Conduct audits, enforce compliance, impose penalties
- Inspired by ANP (Brazil), PSA (Norway), BSEE (USA) and NOPSEMA (Australia)

Tripartite Governance Model

- Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies & the Upstream Petroleum Unit (UPU)
- Industry Stakeholders: NAMPOA & NAOGSP (aligned with IOGP guidelines, standards and recommended practices)
- Workers Representation in line with ILO instruments relevant to social dialogue

Inspection, Preparedness & Resilience

- Risk-based Inspections (RBI): Target high-risk facilities
- Emergency preparedness: Lifeboat seating & evacuation drills
- Resilience engineering: Adaptivity and human factors

Enforcement & Global Alignment

- US and Brazilian -style enforcement: fines and operational shutdowns
- Join International Regulators Forum: Share and strengthen regulatory best practices
- Adopt Safety-Case & Barrier Management (UK/Norway)

Reporting, Classification & Training

- Real-time digital reporting systems
- Legal integration of offshore class notations and subsea standards
- Mandatory OPITO BOSIET & DNV's Virtual Reality major hazard awareness training

Tech, Compliance & Labour

- Invest in R & D to improve offshore safety standards
- Use Synergi Life or similar digital QHSE tools
- Protect workers rights & enforce whistle-blower laws

Our commitment to support the Government

- Facilitate inclusive stakeholder consultations
- Support research and regulatory drafting
- Host annual safety evaluations and introduce a Offshore Safety Barometer

Conclusion

- Namibia is still in its infancy when viewed from an international lens
- Series of tragic incidents that have occurred recently in Malaysia, Brazil and Angola
- Commit to learning from the missteps of others

Thank you!

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