

SCIENCE AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Research, Science and Technology Act 23 of 2004

Summary: This Act ([GG 3356](#)) provides for the promotion, coordination and development of research, science and technology. It establishes the National Commission on Research, Science and Technology and the National Research, Science and Technology Fund. It was brought into force on 1 November 2011 by GN 201/2011 ([GG 4823](#)).

Repeals: The Act repeals the *Scientific Research Council Act 46 of 1988*.

Amendments: The State-owned Enterprises Governance Act 2 of 2006 ([GG 3698](#)), which was brought into force on 1 November 2006 by Proc. 13/2006 ([GG 3733](#)) and later re-named the Public Enterprises Governance Act 2 of 2006, substitutes section 6 and deletes section 8. (That statute has since been replaced by the Public Enterprises Act 1 of 2019.)

Regulations: Regulations are contained in GN 208/2011 ([GG 4828](#)), as amended by GN 66/2016 ([GG 5990](#)) to delete the expression “Namibian based researcher” throughout. There is no savings clause for regulations which may have been made under the repealed law.

Geoscience Professions Act 3 of 2012

Summary: This Act ([GG 4935](#)) establishes a Geosciences Council of Namibia and provides for training, qualifications and registration of geoscience professions, including regional geology; geophysics; hydrogeology; economic, exploration or mining geology; geochemistry; engineering geology; environmental geology; hydrocarbon geology; palaeontology; and geoscience education. “Geoscience” is defined as “all scientific disciplines researching the earth as a whole, including, but not restricted to, its origin, structure, composition, history and the natural processes that resulted in its present state”. The Act was brought into force by GN 228/2017 ([GG 6397](#)).

Regulations: Regulations relating to registration and other fees payable by geoscientists are contained in GN 320/2017 ([GG 6488](#)).³⁰⁹

Regulations relating to the nomination of candidates and election of members of the Council are contained in GN 358/2019 ([GG 7056](#)).

Notices: A *Code of Professional Conduct of Geoscience Professionals of Namibia* is published by the Geoscience Professions Council in General Notice 496/2017 ([GG 6488](#)).

Appointments: Members of the Geoscience Council are announced in GN 229/2017 ([GG 6397](#)), GN 190/2020 ([GG 7309](#)) and General Notice 630/2023 ([GG 8232](#)).

INTERNATIONAL LAW

****African Regional Co-operative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology (AFRA), 2019**
Charter Establishing the Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development (CCARDESA), 2010

³⁰⁹ Regulations on this topic were originally contained in GN 102/2014 ([GG 5517](#)), which was withdrawn by GN 154/2017 ([GG 6333](#)).

**Charter Establishing SADC Women in Science, Engineering and Technology Organisation, 2018*
**SADC Protocol on Science, Technology and Innovation, 2008.*