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NAMFISA TO JOIN IOSCO'S WORLD INVESTOR WEEK 2026 TO PROMOTE INVESTOR RESILIENCE AND SCAM AWARENESS

NAMFISA is preparing to participate in the 10th edition of World Investor Week (WIW), a global campaign promoted by the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) to strengthen investor education and protection.

World Investor Week 2026 will take place from **5 to 11 October 2026** under the campaign tagline **"Invest in Your Future. Protect It Today."** This year's campaign focuses on **Investor Resilience and Scams Awareness**, with the primary themes of **Investor Resilience, Digital Deception and Scam Alert**, complemented by educational themes covering **Basics of Investing, Young Investors and Next Generation**.

Through the campaign, IOSCO and participating organisations aim to encourage investors to make informed, fact-based investment decisions in changing market conditions, critically assess investment-related content encountered online, and remain alert to fraud and scams.

What the public can expect from NAMFISA

As part of World Investor Week, NAMFISA will run a series of educational and interactive activities across its digital platforms and through media channels from **5 to 9 October 2026**.

The week will begin on **Monday, 5 October**, with a campaign launch focused on **Investor Resilience**. NAMFISA will publish an introductory article explaining World Investor Week and the importance of investor resilience, together with a campaign reel introducing the week's themes and activities. The public will also be invited to participate in a poll asking: **"Have you ever been**

offered a ‘guaranteed’ investment return?” The launch content will also create an opportunity for members of the public to submit questions and share their experiences relating to investments. On **Tuesday, 6 October**, the focus will shift to **Digital Deception** under the theme “**Verify Before You Invest.**” Educational content will highlight how scammers may use social media, WhatsApp groups and professionally presented but fraudulent online platforms to attract potential investors. The public will be reminded of the importance of verifying whether an entity or financial intermediary is registered and licensed before committing funds.

On **Wednesday, 7 October**, NAMFISA will focus on **Scam Alert**. An educational infographic will highlight five common warning signs of potentially fraudulent investment opportunities, including promises of guaranteed returns, pressure to act urgently, informal payment channels, vague or unverifiable information, and reluctance to provide proof of licensing or registration. Later in the day, a “**Spot the Scam**” interactive activity will challenge members of the public to identify warning signs in a sample investment advertisement or message.

Thursday, **8 October**, will focus on the **Basics of Investing**. NAMFISA will host a question-and-answer activity addressing basic investment questions, including how investment returns work, what regulation means and considerations when starting to invest. Questions received through the engagement will inform further educational content, which may be presented in video, article or frequently asked questions format. A **Myth vs Fact** series will also address common misconceptions about investing.

The week will conclude on **Friday, 9 October**, with a focus on **Young Investors and the Next Generation**. NAMFISA will publish concise, shareable information covering key lessons from the week, including how to verify investment opportunities, identify warning signs of scams and understand basic investment concepts. The content will also direct the public to legitimate and verified information channels and contact points.

The campaign will be supported by countdown messages on NAMFISA’s digital platforms, while information about World Investor Week and NAMFISA’s participation will also be communicated through the media.

Protect yourself before investing

NAMFISA encourages members of the public to exercise caution when considering investment opportunities, particularly those promoted online or through social media. Investors should independently verify the registration and licensing status of financial institutions and financial intermediaries with NAMFISA before committing funds.

“In an increasingly digital investment environment, being informed is your first line of defence. We encourage investors to pause, verify and think critically before committing their money. A genuine investment decision should never be driven by pressure, promises of guaranteed returns or information that cannot be independently verified,” said **Immanuel Hawanga, General Manager: Capital Markets at NAMFISA.**

NAMFISA’s participation reinforces its commitment to consumer education, investor protection and the promotion of a safer financial services environment in Namibia. The campaign will provide members of the public with practical information to help them identify potential risks, question investment claims and make informed decisions.

Following World Investor Week, awareness activities will continue during October as part of NAMFISA’s broader **Consumer Education Month**. The Capital Markets Division will participate in relevant consumer education activities, with the focus remaining on strengthening public awareness of investment risks, investor protection and responsible financial decision-making.

Members of the public are encouraged to follow **NAMFISA’s official digital platforms** throughout the week for daily World Investor Week content, educational material and opportunities to engage with the campaign.

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About NAMFISA

The Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority (NAMFISA) is Namibia's supervisor of the non-bank financial sector. It was originally established under the Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority Act, 2001 and continues to exist under the Financial Institutions and Markets Act, 2021 as a juristic person. NAMFISA's mandate is to supervise and regulate Namibia's non-bank financial institutions and their business activities; advise the Minister of Finance on matters relating to the non-bank financial sector; and supervise compliance with Anti-Money Laundering, Combating the Financing of Terrorism and Combating Proliferation Financing (AML/CFT/CPF) requirements by accountable institutions under its supervision.

NAMFISA's vision is "To have a safe, stable, and fair financial system contributing to the economic development of Namibia in which consumers are protected."

NAMFISA's mission is to "regulate and supervise financial institutions and financial intermediaries to foster a stable and fair non-banking financial sector, promote consumer protection, and provide sound advice to the Minister of Finance."

This relates, inter alia, to the business of insurance companies, insurance agents and insurance brokers; financial markets and market participants; collective investment schemes; retirement funds; friendly societies; medical aid funds; fund administrators, including medical aid fund administrators and microlenders. With the implementation of the Financial Institutions and Markets Act, 2021 (FIMA), NAMFISA's supervisory framework was expanded to include additional entities within sectors it already regulated, including medical aid fund administrators.