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## 'Good Morning Namibia' Gets New Glam Look



Ilke Platt and Ferdinand Mulale in the new 'Good Morning Namibia' studio.

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NBC's 'Good Morning Namibia' show is sporting a new look with its background being one of the many visible changes happening lately at NBC. According to Ilke Platt, NBC Corporate Communications Officer, the new studio décor idea featuring the Christuskirche and City of Windhoek in the background was spearheaded by the news and current affairs team. "The new look has added that extra "glam" to it. The

old set was good but as time goes by, a new look always does the trick," said Platt.

Good Morning Namibia' is on air from 06h00 to 7h00 every morning from Monday to Friday and is presented by a team of rotating hosts, Anna Nicodemus, Franlin Thomas, Kazembire Zemburuka, Ferdinand Mulale and Ilke Platt. The interactive show interviews personalities, town profiles, local and international headlines, the daily weather and traffic report and runs a ten minute 'Pilates Fitness' slot.

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Well-known South African actor, Jamie Bartlett, better known for his roles as the shady Mike O'Reilly in the SABC3 soapie *Isidingo* and Mike Geraro in the e.tv soapie *Rhythm City* trained Namibian actors participating in Desert Soul's next short film for three days this week.

The very outspoken and animated Bartlett said that he was working on improving the skills of Namibian actors for the 24-minute television show which was touching on trans-generational sex (much older men having sex with young girls) which has become a cancer in "our society". "This one touches home, I want to give it the real Namibian signature," he said adding that he wanted to concentrate on the actors' performance so that they could touch the souls of the viewers.

He said that the wonderful nature of this HIV love story must be dealt with utmost honesty. "I want to work with their internal so that they can touch people to recognise it within themselves."

"Young women are preyed on by older men with multiple partners," he said, pointing out that some women engage in sex even just to acquire cellphone air time, shoes, bags and food. "Women find themselves in this trans-

## Jamie Bartlett coaches Namibian Actors for Desert Soul film

actional sex," he said, stating that as the main focus of the film.

Bartlett said that he was working with different levels of skills, adding that it was his privilege and purpose to feed and garner results out of each actor. He said that Namibians did not have enough contributing voices to drama that's why they were being fed a lot of junk from other countries while there were many potential stories that could be told to

give the film a real Namibian flavour, such as this film that was being shot on location in Katutura.

The Desert Soul film, which started production on Wednesday this week, is written and directed by award-winning filmmaker Vickson Hangula, and is part of a series of love stories which will be produced in ten southern African countries. Each of the films aims to create awareness about the increased risk of HIV infection from multiple sexual relationships.

The TV series forms part of the One Love Campaign, which is the initiative of a team of regional NGOs led by the Johannesburg-based Soul City Institute. For Namibia, Desert Soul Health and Development Communication, which is the implementing partner for the One Love campaign, is also planning some activities together with the Take Control working group for Multiple and Concurrent Partnerships (MCP).



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