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WHAT: World Symposium on the Ecological and Economic Benefits of Hunting, presented by the World Forum of the Future of Sport Shooting Activities.

WHO: Government officials, leading scientists and professionals from shooting sports and wildlife conservation organizations and from industry.

The World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities is an association of hunting, sport shooting and firearms industry trade organizations. Founded in 1996, the WFSA represents over 100,000,000 sport shooters throughout the world. The WFSA was recognized as an official United Nations NGO in 1998.

WHERE: Windhoek Country Club and Resort, Windhoek, Namibia

WHEN: 15-17 September 2009.

The opening session starts at 9:00 AM on 15 September and will include comments by the Honorable Minister Willem Konjore, Minister of Youth National Service, Sport and Culture, Namibia.

The closing session starts at 10:45 AM on 17 September and will include remarks by the Honorable Minister Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Namibia

WHY: The first-ever World Symposium on the subject, entitled The Ecologic and Economic Benefits of Hunting, will be presented by the World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities. More than 60 representatives from 20 countries will be in attendance to exchange the latest research and information on the important role that hunting plays in the ecological and economic health of countries throughout the world.

In Namibia, for example, a popular destination for hunters, the economic impact of hunting is substantial, amounting to a significant portion of the tourism sector.

The symposium will bring together leading scientists and professionals, along with government officials and industry and shooting organization representatives from around the world.

Twenty-six presentations will be made during the symposium. Scientific studies on hunting and habitat, wildlife management and the economics of hunting will be presented. Technical reports, data on environmental and economic impacts, methods of wildlife management and new concepts concerning the role of hunting are among the topics on the symposium's agenda.

The media is invited to attend and to cover this World Symposium. Please see a list of presenters at <http://www.wfsa.net/events.html>.

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