

## **OAG and Wanaheda Medical Center join hands to enhance trust in COVID-19 vaccination**



*Deputy Auditor-General during the opening meeting with medical experts from the Wanaheda Medical Practice informing staff on the importance of the COVID-19 Vaccine.*

The Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) through its Employee Wellness section partnered with Wanaheda Medical Center to promote COVID-19 vaccination amongst its staff members. The face-to-face event took place in the OAG Auditorium hall and allowed for virtual participation from staff members working from home or out on official duty at the time of the presentation.

Speaking at the event, were Dr. E Tom and sister Nancy from the Wanaheda Medical Center in Windhoek who addressed a few concerns surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine. While the development of COVID-19 vaccines has been an amazing success, hesitancy is so rife in the country and it presents an enormous challenge.

Dr. Tom commended the Ministry of Health and Social Services for availing the vaccine, adding that this has so far been an extraordinary achievement. He encouraged OAG staff members to be ambassadors of the MoHSS and get their COVID-19 jabs. He added that to further protect the overall population and those most vulnerable, we need a sufficiently high proportion of the population to get vaccinated to stop coronavirus transmission stressing that the introduction of COVID-19 vaccines gives us hope.

The panel discussed all the questions OAG staff members had, concerning the COVID-19 vaccine. The Deputy Auditor-General, Mr Goms Menettè appreciated the Wanaheda Medical Center for the thorough discussion, adding that it's always very important to obtain accurate vaccine information such as this from those in the medical fraternity as it can help stop common myths and rumors. We are at a crucial period in the global fight against COVID-19.

Cases of the coronavirus continue to remain stubbornly each and every OAG staff member to heed the call for government and help create a safe and healthy work environment by getting vaccinated. The OAG vaccination status currently stands at 18% of the total staff compliment fully vaccinated.