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WORKSHOP ON INNOVATIVE FINANCE

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THE WORKSHOP WAS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS :----------
1 Preparatory cluster meetings between AFD, the Bertha Centre, NACSO and different ecosystem clusters to set the scene, take stock of existing initiatives, challenges and ideas and give all participants a shared starting point;
2 An introduction to innovative finance and systems innovation to review the workshop toolbox;
3 Innovative finance and systems innovation design thinking workshop to outline potential pilots.
The workshop was followed by a networking cocktail hosted by the French Embassy at the Residence of France. Source: French Embassy Windhoek, Namibia.

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