

## Namibian Minister visits the CSIR



Minister Nandi-Ndaitwah (fourth from right) flanked by Adiel Akplogan, CEO of AfriNIC on the left and Envir Fraser, Business Development Manager at the Meraka Institute, to her right.

The South African and Namibian flags were hoisted at the CSIR on Wednesday, 29 June 2005, when the Namibian Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah visited the Meraka Institute, the African Network Information Centre (AfriNIC) and the CSIR Satellite Application Centre (SAC). The visit formed part of a working relationship between South Africa and Namibia.

Minister Nandi-Ndaitwah and her delegation used the visit to strengthen ties between the two countries and to develop a strategic relationship with the CSIR. The Minister expressed a particular interest in the notion of capacity building, as she feels the Namibia should invest more in Science and Technology in order to become self-sufficient in terms of sustainable development. This will be a step towards her ultimate vision for Africa: to be on par with the global regions such as Europe, Asia/Pacific, North America and Latin America.