

CRAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS SIGNS PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE AGREEMENT

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The Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) Board of Directors signed a Performance and Governance agreement with the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) on 12 October in Windhoek.

The current CRAN Board of Directors appointed on 01 July 2019 and which such term ends 31 June 2022 are responsible for the overseeing of the regulation of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) industry in Namibia in accordance with the provisions of the Communications Act (No. 8 of 2009). The CRAN Board members are further responsible for the successful setting and implementation of the Authority's strategic direction in line with best practice and in adherence to the governance framework of CRAN.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, Mr. Heinrich M. Gaomab II, Chairperson of the CRAN Board of Directors said, "we at CRAN are placing emphasis on our strategic priorities namely, collaboration, operational excellence, innovation and sustainability in order to be consistent and in sync with governmental objectives as outlined in the various national policies and agenda's, such as the Harambee Prosperity Plan (HHP), Vision 2030, Fifth National Development Plan (NDP5) and subsequent Sixth National Development Plan (NDP6)."

Speaking at the same occasion, Honourable Dr. Peya Mushelenga, Minister of ICT, said, "The MICT strives to attain high quality service delivery through sustainable, affordable public systems and infrastructure. To achieve these goals, the MICT's primary function is to set direction, develop legislation, policy and standards, allocate funding, and act to improve performance where necessary. These strategic and national objectives are achieved through our Ministerial Strategic Plan and the strategic and business plans of the various State Owned Entities (SOE) reporting to the MICT."

"The Authority, as a key strategic partner of the MICT, shall therefore identify ICT regulatory needs of the Namibian nation, in order to plan and develop regulations for the effective roll out of telecommunication services and networks, broadcasting services, postal services and the use and allocation of radio spectrum across the country," added Mushelenga.

Honourable Dr. Peya Mushelanga, further emphasised and advised the Board of Directors to adhere to the principles of transparency and confidentiality, and being able to distinguish between transparency and confidentiality of the organisation while keeping in mind service delivery as the main priority. He urged the Board of Directors to act in good faith as Directors.

The CRAN Board of Directors have a national and fiducial duty to implement and execute a performance management system based on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and in accordance with the Public Enterprises Governance Act (No. 1 of 2019). Furthermore, Section 17 of the Public Enterprises Governance Act (No. 1 of 2019) states that the Board of Directors shall enter into an agreement with CRAN's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Executive Management pertaining to performance delivery. Such an agreement shall be based on the criteria indicated in the Performance Agreement. CRAN's progress towards achieving its objectives and strategies will be evaluated utilising key performance indicators as set out in the Performance and Governance Agreements.

In addition, the CRAN Board of Directors shall ensure compliance in terms of the principles of good corporate governance as outlined in the King IV Code and the NamCode in the execution of the Board's mandate and duties. The Board of Directors are further required to submit Audited Annual Financial Statements and the Annual Report within six (6) months after the end of the financial year to the portfolio Minister of MICT and the Minister of Public Enterprises, which in the case of CRAN have been successfully achieved over the past two (2) financial years.

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