

### WELCOMING REMARKS FOR

## HEINRICH MIHE GOAMAB II CHAIRPERSON: CRAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AT THE

# THE COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF NAMIBIA'S (CRAN) THIRD STAKEHOLDER BREAKFAST ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

13 MARCH 2020

- Director of Ceremonies,
- Hon. Bernard Songa Sibalatani, Chairperson of the National Council,
- Hon Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on ICT and Innovation,
- Fellow Board Members,
- Chief Executive Officer CRAN, Mr. Festus K. Mbandeka,
- Captains of industry and businesses in ICT,
- Distinguished and Esteemed stakeholders,
- Management and Staff of CRAN,
- Members of the media,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning! A very warm welcome and thank you for accepting our invitation to this important stakeholder engagement breakfast.

I would like to use this opportunity to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your continuous support to the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN).

#### Director of Ceremonies,

CRAN identified the need to host this annual stakeholder engagement initiative in order to achieve the following objectives:

• To provide stakeholders with an overview of CRAN's strategic plan from the period April 2020 to March 2023;

- To present the latest Telecommunication Sector Performance Review;
- To engage you, our valued and esteemed stakeholders so that we can have a common and mutual understanding of matters pertaining to us in order to take this sector forward;
- To acquaint stakeholders with the Authority's internal regulatory processes, priorities and challenges;

#### Director of Ceremonies,

It is further our aim to ensure that we all have full understanding of how decisions are made by the Authority and insight into the reasons for such decisions in respect of the regulatory process.

Additionally, this platform enables CRAN to strengthen stakeholder relationships with everyone in this room, as we collectively shape, facilitate, position and steer our industry in the right direction and in the right manner, for a high performing and accelerating sector for the benefit of all Namibians. You will agree that harmonious relations for this sector is pertinent, because we operate in an extremely unique sphere, that it is one of the most fast and ever-evolving, high-paced and robust sectors in any economy. This requires us to stand firmly together in order to critically and collectively apply our minds, resources and efforts to meet and exceed ICT consumer needs and expectations by delivering, affordable, quality and recent and emerging technological offerings to our Namibian ICT consumers. In conclusion thank you once again for gracing us with your presence today and I hope this engagement will foster long, lasting and positive relations that will result in meaningful engagement that is mutually beneficial for us all.

#### I thank you!