



KEYNOTE REMARKS BY

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DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE

AT THE

**THE COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF
NAMIBIA (CRAN) TECH HUBS & E-VILLAGES
COMPUTERS HANDOVER TO THE MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE (MOEAC)**

Date: Tuesday, 19 March 2024

Venue: Resource Centre: Ministry of Education,
Government Office Park, Ground Floor

Time: 11h00 to 12h00

- Mrs. Emilia Nghikembua, Chief Executive Officer CRAN,
- CRAN Executive Management and Team,
- Mr. Paulus Nghikembua, Director of the Khomas Directorate of Education, Arts & Culture,
- Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, Executive Management and Representatives,
- Members of the Media,
- Distinguished delegates,
- Director of Ceremonies,

Good morning!

It is truly an honour to stand before you today to express the deepest gratitude by the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture for this generous donation of computers and internet services by the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN). The establishment of tech-hubs and e-villages is crucial for advancing education and promoting digital literacy in our country, and CRAN's contribution will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on the lives of our citizens.

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture is mandated to educate and train learners and teachers for the attainment of sustainable national development and promote arts and culture. The Ministry was established with the key objective to

provide quality inclusive education and training for national development purpose.

The goal of the Ministry is to ensure that our common commitment to progress in education, arts and culture is oriented towards ensuring that our combined efforts and resources have the maximum possible impact in areas that are of significance.

In March 2021, CRAN donated disposable and re-usable sanitary essentials to the Ministry to assist 770 schoolgirls. This valuable donation enables the Namibian girl child to stay in school, thus enabling our girls to have uninterrupted school sessions. In March 2023, CRAN donated 28 laptops to the Ministry to empower teachers and learners through access to information and communication technology. Today, CRAN is donating seven (7) computers and internet services to assist the Government of the Republic of Namibia in the establishment of tech-hubs and e-villages.

Our Ministry is truly grateful as these tools will assist to bridge the digital divide, expand on universal access, and to encourage innovation and youth participation in Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). This will go a long way in enabling a conducive environment for e-learning purposes.

Director of Ceremonies,

As Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture, I have seen firsthand the transformative power of technology in enhancing learning experiences and expanding access to information. In a rapidly evolving digital age, it is imperative that we equip our schools, libraries, and communities with the tools they need to thrive in the 21st century. The donation of computers and internet services by CRAN will not only bridge the digital divide, but also empower our students and educators to unlock their full potential and reach new heights of achievement.

In addition to providing much-needed resources, CRAN's donation exemplifies the spirit of collaboration and partnership that is essential for driving progress in our society. By working together with government agencies, private sector organisations, and civil society groups, we can leverage our collective expertise and resources to create a more inclusive and equitable society. The establishment of tech-hubs and e-villages is a testament to what is possible when we come together with a shared vision and a common purpose.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the team at CRAN who made this donation possible. Your commitment to advancing the goals of the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture is truly commendable, and I am confident that the computers and internet services you have provided will be put to

good use in schools and communities across the country. Your generosity has not gone unnoticed, and we are deeply grateful for your support.

Director of Ceremonies,

Allow me to thank CRAN for this generous donation, as they purposefully regulate, supervise, and promote the provision of telecommunications services and networks, broadcasting, postal services, and the use and allocation of radio spectrum in Namibia.

As we look to the future, it is clear that technology will play an increasingly important role in shaping the education landscape in Namibia. From online learning platforms to interactive digital resources, the possibilities for innovation are endless. By investing in technology and digital infrastructure, we can pave the way for a brighter and more prosperous future for all Namibians.

In conclusion, the Ministry of Education Arts and Culture is grateful for this kind gesture and wholeheartedly thank CRAN for ensuring that they support government, communities, businesses, and individuals to build a better future. Your support is a testament to the power of partnership and collaboration, and I am confident that together we can achieve great things for the benefit of our nation.

I Thank You!