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RE: CRAN AND NSA SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) and the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today, 18 February 2015 in Windhoek. The MoU provides a framework within which the NSA and CRAN agreed upon mutual areas of cooperation including the exchange and sharing of data that will advance telecommunications services and networks, broadcasting, postal services and the use and allocation of radio spectrum within the ICT industry.

“The MoU enables the NSA to avail their Data Processing Center to CRAN and related equipment. Under this MoU, both parties commit to share necessary resources, publish information and bind themselves to the confidentiality they both ascribe to.” Said Liina Kafidi, Acting-Statistician General at the NSA.

CRAN Acting Chief Executive Officer, Hilma Hitula said: “ the statistics that will be collected through this collaborative effort will also be shared with agencies such as the International Telecommunications Union the ITU which uses this information to rank countries under the ICT Development Index. “ICT statistics include data on broadband, Internet use, mobile-cellular and mobile-broadband networks amongst others. Namibia currently ranks 105 out of 148 ITU Members States.”

“CRAN currently contributes to the data collection of the NSA through the provision of the statistics linked to the ICT industry, which statistics the NSA utilizes for the National Accounts and the GDP calculations. The implementation of this MOU will address certain challenges that CRAN is experiencing in collecting ICT data from households across Namibia.



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As an example, some of the NSA's questionnaires will now incorporate questions on ICT information, allowing us to evaluate the economic status of the market and forecast the growth of the ICT industry. CRAN will also be conducting an ICT GAP analysis, which will highlight the geographic areas in Namibia that are underserved by ICT's and to address the needs through the Universal Access Service Fund which will be established shortly" added Hitula.

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