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## **PUBLIC HEARING ON DATA LINKS TARIFF**

The Communication Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) held a public hearing on Data Links Tariffs on 2 October 2014 at the GZ Function's Centre in Windhoek. It is CRAN's goal to facilitate and promote a fair and transparent platform that seeks to listen and actively engage relevant stakeholders.

"As a regulatory Authority, it is CRAN's role to establish ground rules and practical conditions in which competitive, private and public enterprises invest in the market. The telecommunications sector is vital for socio-economic development. It is for this reason that we deemed it essential to hold a public hearing that will offer the operators and the public an opportunity to voice their concerns and provide viable and constructive inputs to the proposed Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) tariffs as proposed by Telecom Namibia", said Jochen Traut, Chief Operations Officer at CRAN.

The hearing aimed to afford Telecom Namibia the opportunity to thoroughly explain the rationale behind the proposed tariffs and allow the operators and the public to comment thereto.

CRAN will continue to regulate competition in the Namibian ICT sector and consistently use appropriate ex-route and ex-post regulatory measures to create a level playing field.

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