



CRAN

Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia

OPENING REMARKS

FOR

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AT THE

**PUBLIC CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON INTENTION TO
MAKE REGULATIONS PRESCRIBING LICENSE
CATEGORIES AND LICENSING APPLICATION
PROCEDURES FOR POSTAL SERVICE LICENSEES**

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**NAMIBIA INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND
MANAGEMENT (NIPAM)**

- **Director of Ceremonies,**
- **Esteemed ICT & Postal Services stakeholders,**
- **CRAN management and team**
- **Distinguished invited guests,**
- **Members of the media,**
- **Ladies and gentlemen,**

Good morning and thank you for joining us today, it is indeed our pleasure to welcome you to this consultative meeting.

As you are aware, CRAN is mandated by the Communications Act (No. 8 of 2009) to regulate telecommunication networks and services, broadcasting services, postal services and the use and allocation of radio spectrum. Chapter VII, Section 95(1) of the Communications Act states that no person may render postal services without a license, except for Namibia Post Limited (NamPost).

In light thereof and since the Authority intends to regulate this sub sector CRAN thus commenced with the hosting of public consultative meetings on this intention to provide stakeholders an opportunity to make substantive input on the postal sector regulations.

I am pleased to inform you that the Authority is making progress in the establishment of a regulatory framework for postal services having

considered the input from all contributors and participants to this process.

Director of Ceremonies,

It is our aim today therefore to discuss the proposed intentions to prescribe licensing categories, licensing fees and license application procedures for postal service licensees (in line with the *Government Gazette* No. 6798) which was published on 21 December 2018.

Our discussions today will set out our intent in these regulations which is to prescribe postal service license categories, regulation of this sector, the amendment, transfer and renewal of postal service licenses. Upon enforcement, the regulations will become applicable to all postal service licensees operating within the jurisdiction of Namibia.

The categories for Postal Service Licenses are Designated Postal Operator License and Private Postal service License. NamPost will be required to apply for a Designated Postal Operator License within 6 months from the date of coming into force of Chapter VII of the Communications Act and such license will be valid for 20 years.

Director of Ceremonies,

The Authority has put the regulation of courier services on hold until further notice as it deemed it necessary to first conduct a Regulatory Impact Assessment Study.

In conclusion, this consultative meeting provides yet another opportunity for stakeholders to understand the implications of these regulations which seeks to produce a sub sector which we will all be proud of, namely one that operates on the delivery of quality services, maintaining the security, confidentiality and integrity of postal articles.

With these few words, I thank you and look forward to your productive contributions and deliberations, and once again wish you all a prosperous and productive 2019.

I thank you!