



**OPENING REMARKS  
FOR**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**AT THE**

**MOU BETWEEN CRAN AND NAMPOL**

**Date: 29 January 2019**

**Venue: Namibian Police Force Headquarters**

**Time: 10h00**

- **Director of Ceremonies,**
- **Lieutenant General Sebastian Ndeitunga, Inspector General of Namibian Police Force**
- **NAMPOL management and staff ,**
- **CRAN team ,**
- **Distinguished invited guests,**
- **Representatives of the Media,**
- **Ladies and gentlemen,**

A very good morning to you all and thank you for joining us for the signing ceremony of the MoU between our prestigious authorities, namely, the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) and the Namibian Police Force (NAMPOL).

CRAN and NAMPOL share relations in terms of our responsibilities, as authorities in our respective mandates, and it is without a doubt that these strengthened relations and partnership will be to the benefit of Namibians across the country.

**Director of Ceremonies,**

As per mandate, **CRAN is authorised to appoint inspectors to conducting investigations** in respect of any **unauthorised activities** related to telecommunication services and networks, broadcasting and postal services and spectrum within the borders of Namibia.

**The investigations will ensure that service providers in the ICT industry and ICT consumers alike are carrying out lawful activities** as required by the Communication Act (No. 9 of 2009) and other related legislation.

**CRAN's Inspectors are authorised to obtain information from any person during the investigation. The Inspector may examine any book, document, telecommunication facility and equipment and any other object and demand for information** as required to carry out inspections and investigations.

The Communications Act further provides that inspectors appointed by the Authority investigates offences prohibited by the Act and **CRAN may request a police officer to accompany him or her while conducting such investigations.**

I am thus **delighted that we are here today with the spirit of camaraderie to sign this agreement** that will allow for such collaborations in conducting prolific investigations as part of our individual and collective responsibilities as two prominent Authorities in Namibia.

The **Understanding between CRAN and NAMPOL is entered into on mutual respect and in a spirit of goodwill.** It must be stated from the onset that although the laws applicable to each entity to this agreement are different, **it maintains the independence of each entity but allows for practice of joint power** during such collaborations.

**Director of Ceremonies,**

It is imperative to state that all investigations will be conducted in the utmost professional manner and in accordance with the applicable legislation in a lawful manner in order to ensure fairness, the offering of quality and affordable services and product delivery and compliance by all.

This partnership solidified today will be strong and will serve the Namibian people.

With these few words, I would like to thank NAMPOL, our partners in law enforcement, for assisting CRAN as we collectively *Push ICT forward*.

I Thank You!