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CHAIRPERSON: CRAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

AT THE

**CRAN YEAR END FUNCTION AND PERFORMANCE
AWARDS CEREMONY 2023**

Date: 10 November 2023

Venue: Droombos

Time: 13h00

- Mrs. Emilia Nghikembua, Chief Executive Officer,
- Fellow CRAN Board Members,
- CRAN Executive Management,
- Team Wi-Fi 4.0,
- Invited guests,
- Directors of Ceremonies,

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia's (CRAN) Year End Function and Performance Award Ceremony for 2023.

It is an honour to stand before you today as the Chairperson of the CRAN Board of Directors, representing a team of dedicated professionals who strive to ensure a vibrant and inclusive Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector in Namibia.

Today, we gather not only to celebrate the end of another successful year, but also to recognise and applaud the outstanding achievements and contributions of our talented employees. It is through your unwavering commitment, expertise, and innovation that the Authority continues to make significant strides in the ever-evolving field of ICT.

Director of Ceremonies,

CRAN's core purpose is to regulate the ICT industry and thereby supporting the Namibian Government to provide for its citizens and sustain socio-economic development.

As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, the role of the Authority becomes even more critical. The Authority's mandate is not just to regulate, supervise, and promote the provision of telecommunications services and networks, broadcasting, postal services sectors, and the use and allocation of radio spectrum in Namibia, but also to foster an environment that promotes fair competition, protects consumer interests, and drives digital inclusion.

This year, the Authority has witnessed remarkable advancements in the ICT sector, with new technologies and services emerging at an unprecedented pace. From the Spectrum Auction outcome to deploy 5G networks to the expansion of broadband infrastructure, Namibia has made significant progress in bridging the digital divide and bringing connectivity to all corners of our beautiful nation.

However, the Authority cannot rest on its organisational achievements now. We must continue to adapt and innovate to ensure that Namibia remains at the forefront of the digital revolution. This requires the Authority to embrace emerging technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), etc. and to create an

enabling regulatory environment that encourages investment and promotes innovation.

Nonetheless, the Authority's true measure of success lies in the impact it has on the lives of our people. The Authority needs to empower individuals, businesses, and communities to fully participate in the digital economy, to access educational resources, healthcare services, and job opportunities, and to have their voices heard in the global conversation.

Director of Ceremonies,

Furthermore, as the Authority recognises the outstanding achievements of Team Wi-Fi 4.0, let us also reflect on the broader impact of our work. Each award represents a success story, a tangible manifestation of our collective efforts to shape the future of the ICT sector in Namibia.

To the winners, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. Your dedication, professionalism, and innovative spirit have set new benchmarks for excellence within the Authority. Your accomplishments serve as an inspiration to all of us, reminding us of what we can achieve when we push the boundaries of what is possible.

To the entire Team Wi-Fi 4.0, I express my deepest gratitude. Your hard work, passion, and commitment to our mission have been

instrumental in driving our success. Together, we have built a reputation as a leading regulatory authority, not just within Namibia, but across the continent.

Director of Ceremonies,

To conclude, the Board is grateful to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mrs. Emilia Nghikembua, and the Management team for their determined leadership and strong determination to rise above the challenges and chart a dynamic and progressive future. The Board would like to thank all CRAN employees who continue to serve the country and our stakeholders with excellence and integrity.

As we look ahead to the challenges and opportunities that lie before us, let us do so with a renewed sense of purpose and determination. Let us continue to collaborate, innovate, and adapt, always keeping the best interests of our nation and its people at the forefront of our minds.

Congratulations once again to all the winners, and may this afternoon be a celebration of our achievements, a testament to our resilience, and a catalyst for even greater success in the years to come.

I thank you!