



OPENING REMARKS BY

**DR. TULIMEVAVA K. MUFETI, CHAIRPERSON CRAN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

AT THE

**PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE AGREEMENTS
SIGNING CEREMONY BETWEEN THE
COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF
NAMIBIA (CRAN) AND THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION
AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (MICT) OF THE
REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

Date: Monday, 14 August 2023

Venue: MICT Media Room, 2nd Floor

Time: 09h30

- Honourable Dr. Peya Mushelenga, Minister of MICT,
- Honourable Emma Theofelus, Deputy Minister of MICT,
- Dr. Audrin Mathe, Executive Director of MICT,
- Mr. Elvis Nashilongo, Vice-Chairperson of the CRAN Board of Directors and Fellow CRAN Board Members,
- Mrs. Emilia Nghikembua, Chief Executive Officer CRAN,
- CRAN Executive Management and Team,
- MICT EXCO and Representatives,
- Esteemed Members of the Media,
- Director of Ceremonies,

Good morning!

As you might all be aware, Honourable Minister of ICT appointed the CRAN Board Members effective from 01 May 2023 for a period of three (3) years in terms of Section 9 of the Communications Act (No. 8 of 2009), read with Section 8 of the Public Enterprises Governance Act (No. 1 of 2019).

Furthermore, Section 11 of the Public Enterprises Governance Act, (No. 1 of 2019) requires a portfolio and/or shareholding Minister, within one (1) month of a Board of a public enterprise being constituted, to enter into a written Governance Agreement with such a Board.

Additionally, Section 11 further requires the portfolio and/or shareholding Minister to have due regard for the directives to be laid down by the Ministry of Public Enterprises of the PEGA Act of 2019, in relation to a written Governance Agreement with a Board of a Public Enterprise.

Therefore, the Governance Agreement will specify the Board's principle common ambitions, expectations, commitments and understanding with respect to the Public Enterprise's performance for the duration of the agreement, as prescribed by the PEGA Act.

Since its establishment in 2011, CRAN has remained dedicated to its vision statement "*Access, Quality and Affordability for All*" and to its mission "*To regulate the ICT and Postal sectors for the socio-economic benefit of all Namibians.*" As a dynamic regulator of the ICT sector, CRAN is instrumental in harnessing the power of ICT, moving beyond the constraints of "*place*" and "*time*", and transforming Namibia and its people into an active knowledge-based society that derives the full socio-economic benefits of ICTs.

The Authority's successes over the years are directly related to its high ethical values and good corporate governance structures and principles. CRAN enjoys fruitful relationships with key stakeholders and live out all aspects of its values encompassing Accountability, Passion, Teamwork, Respect, and Innovation.

Director of Ceremonies,

As it stands, the Board has submitted a three (3) year Integrated Strategic Business Plan to the portfolio/line Minister pursuant to Section 13 of the Public Enterprises Governance Act (No. 1 of 2019).

As part of their duties the Board will be responsible for the overall direction, management, and administration of CRAN and its affairs and to ensure that the core objectives of CRAN remain relevant and applicable. The Board will report directly to the Minister of ICT of the Republic of Namibia.

Furthermore, the Board will develop and deliver to the Minister, at least 90 calendar days before the commencement of the financial year an annual business operational plan to be aligned to the Integrated Business Strategic Plan of CRAN and the Ministry with a timetable, that is consistent with existing ministerial policy and standards; contribute to CRAN's strategy and objectives; and approve associated performance indicators and targets aligned to the Performance and Effectiveness Management Plan Framework of the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework, or any other approved Performance Management tool, in order to comply with the obligation as set out in the PEGA Act.

Moreover, the Board will provide a report to the Minister on an annual basis on how the Board has succeeded in achieving the strategic objectives of CRAN.

The Board Members will be assessed on an annual basis based on the objectives and Key Performance Indicators contained in the Individual Performance and Governance Agreements.

Director of Ceremonies,

The CRAN Board Members desirously accepted the duties and responsibilities with the Minister on the basis set out in the Performance and Governance Agreements between CRAN and the Minister, and the Board Members agreed to achieve the specific performance objectives and indicators as set out in the agreements.

To conclude, the CRAN Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and the entire Team Wi-Fi 4.0 are committed to achieving our mandate under your esteemed policy guidance.

We thank you Honourable Minister for entrusting and assigning the important national task, of regulating this robust industry for the benefit of all Namibians, which same we shall achieve with dedication, transparency, and excellent corporate governance principles. Equally, the Board of Directors extends its gratitude to the team at CRAN that supports through the implementation of the Boards

strategic intent. Equally esteemed acknowledgement to the Deputy Minister, ED and Senior Officials who provided consistent and appreciated support to the realisation of signing the individual performance and governance agreements.

We collectively look forward to contributing to the outstanding value creation in driving sustainable economic growth and enabling better healthcare, education, and government services and, in the process, enriching human society.

Thank you for your kind attention!