



**CRAN**

Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia

**OPENING REMARKS**

**FOR**

**JOCHEN TRAUT**

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**AT THE**

**MOU SIGNING CEREMONY BETWEEN CRAN & NCAA  
FOR THE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION OF  
AERONAUTICAL RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM AND  
RADIO TELEPHONY LICENCES AND OTHER RELATED  
MATTERS**

**24 JULY 2020**

- **Director of Ceremonies,**
- **NCAA Interim Executive Director, Mr. Reinhard Gärtner,**
- **NCAA Management and team members,**
- **CRAN Management and team members,**
- **Members of the media,**
- **Ladies and gentlemen,**

Good morning and thank you for hosting us today for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between our two institutions, the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) and Namibia Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA).

CRAN was established in terms of Section 4 of the *Communications Act* (No. 8 of 2009) to regulate the telecommunications services and networks, broadcasting and postal services and the use and allocation of radio spectrum in Namibia, whereas the NCAA was established in terms of Section 8 of the *Civil Aviation Act* (No. 6 of 2016) to regulate civil aviation safety and security.

Therefore, the signing of the MoU by the two regulatory authorities is a result of aligned desires that are well-positioned to create a framework of coordination and collaboration on the award of Aeronautical Radio Frequency Spectrum, the issuance of Aeronautical Radio Station Licences and Radio Telephony Licences for pilots, flight engineers and air traffic service personnel, in accordance with and as prescribed by national and international standards, practices and regulations for the safety and security of civil aviation in our country.

### **Director of Ceremonies,**

Without prejudice to the CRAN and or its mandate as provided for in Section 101(10) of the Communications Act (No. 8 of 2009), which is to conduct radio telephony training and examinations, the signatories to this MoU, agree that the Personnel Licensing Department (PEL) in the NCAA shall be assigned the responsibility of overseeing aviation radio telephony training and examinations, inclusive of the appointment and oversight of qualified personnel to carry out training and examinations. After having conducted the training and examinations, PEL shall submit the results to CRAN for the purpose of issuance of Aviation Radio Telephony certification.

Additionally, CRAN is obliged to issue aeronautical radio frequency spectrum and Radiotelephony Licences to applicants in line with the prescribed licensing procedures, review the Frequency Band Plan for Aeronautical radio frequency spectrum in accordance with the Final Acts of International Telecommunications Union (ITU) World Radio Conferences and publish for public record and receive and investigate complaints pertaining to interference, and share such outcomes and reports with NCAA.

Allow me to highlight that CRAN promotes strategic intent that is to the benefit of Namibian ICT consumers and has entered into various smart partnership initiatives through the signing of memoranda of understanding with other strategic partners such as:

- Namibia Statistics Agency (**NSA**),

- National Commission on Research, Science and Technology **(NCRST)**,
- Ministry of Finance: Directorate of Customs and Excise **(MoF)**,
- Bank of Namibia **(BON)**,
- Namibia Competition Commission **(NACC)**,
- Namibian Police Force **(NAMPOL)**,
- University of Namibia **(UNAM)**,
- University of Science and Technology **(NUST)**
- International University of Management **(IUM)**,
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation **(UNESCO)**, and
- Namibia Public Workers Union **(NAPWU)**.

### **Director of Ceremonies,**

In conclusion, as we navigate through the turmoil and the numerous negative impacts of COVID-19 in our country and across the globe, we remain hopeful that we shall overcome this pandemic and revive our once robust economic activities such as tourism, hospitality and aviation sectors, so that we may have airplanes in the sky bringing prosperity and people from across the world to our beautiful land of the brave.

CRAN looks forward to a mutually beneficial implementation of this MoU with our esteemed strategic stakeholder NCAA.

I thank you!