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AT THE

MOU BETWEEN CRAN AND NUST

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- **Dr. Andrew Niikondo, NUST Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academic,**
- **NUST Management and staff present,**
- **CRAN Management and staff present,**
- **Invited guests,**
- **Members of the media,**
- **Ladies and gentlemen,**

A very good morning to you all and thank you for joining us for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony between the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) and the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST).

It is a privilege to represent CRAN at the signing of this MoU between our entities, CRAN and NUST.

This MoU is focused on the cooperation and possibilities to explore the establishment of a regular internship programme for suitable NUST students in any faculty, CRAN's attendance and participation at the NUST Career Fairs and possible synergies concerning exchanges between CRAN and NUST advisory boards on academic related matters.

Ladies and gentlemen

The two entities also agree to explore research and development initiatives for students doing action learning projects and/or mini thesis for research on ICT topics, to have access to CRAN's data subject to the provisions of Section 27 of the Communications Act (Act No. 8) of 2009 on public availability of information. This will offer research opportunities for students to identify specific areas of research in CRAN, pertaining to bona fide industry needs.

The internship programme will enable students to apply theoretical and knowledge gained from their course of study in a practical setting and gain practical experience relevant to their studies. The internship programme will also provide with an opportunity to explore career options or make informed decisions regarding their career development and increase their range of employability skills. The students will be subjected to CRAN work and Human Resources policies at all times during their internship programme.

Ladies and gentlemen

CRAN has signed MoU's and has created a smart partnership engagement with various sister institutions such as:

- **Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA):** aimed at collaborating to advance common goals in the areas of data collection and analysis in telecommunications services and networks, broadcasting, postal and the allocation of radio spectrum.
- **National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST):** to identify roles and responsibilities in the planning of collaborative research and development, educational and training activities.
- **Ministry of Finance: Directorate of Customs and Excise:** promote cooperation and coordination when dealing with equipment approvals and standards at various border posts within and around the Republic of Namibia;
- **Bank of Namibia (BON):** to establish the manner in which the regulators will interact and cooperate with each other in respect of investigations, analysis and the handling of mobile network operators, money market, SIM registration etc;
- **Namibia Competition Commission (NaCC):** to manage and facilitate cooperation and consultation in respect of competition matters in the ICT industry; and

- **Namibian Police (NAMPOL):** to assist the Authority in the investigation of regulatory offences.

To conclude, we are determined that this MoU and its implementation will reinforce cooperation between CRAN and NUST, in order to achieve a common objective of providing internship opportunities for students.

CRAN is an equal opportunity employer and we would like to inform the students to keep an eye on our social media platforms, the CRAN website and local newspaper publications, as we utilise those mediums to advertise internship programmes when the need arises.

With those few words said, I thank you!