



KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY

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AT

**CRAN'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND WORLD AIDS
DAY COMMEMORATION**

Date: 01 December 2023

Venue: Communications House, 56 Robert Mugabe
Avenue &

Moth Centre, Unit 3 to 5

Time: 09h00

- CRAN Executive Management,
- Team Wi-Fi 4.0,
- Director of Ceremonies,

Good morning, and a warm welcome to everyone gathered here today for the CRAN Christmas Lighting and World AIDS Day Commemoration. Your presence adds a special shine to this meaningful occasion.

As we come together to celebrate Christmas, a cherished cultural and religious event observed by billions worldwide, let us take a moment to reflect on its profound significance. Beyond its religious roots, Christmas has become a universal celebration, fostering unity, love, and joy across diverse cultures and beliefs. The festive season, marked by traditions such as gift-giving, colorful decorations, and special meals, holds a special place in our hearts.

Over time, Christmas has evolved into a cultural and secular phenomenon, embraced by people of various religious backgrounds. Regardless of our individual beliefs, this season brings us together in the spirit of generosity, kindness, and shared joy. The twinkling lights that surround us today not only illuminate our workspace but also symbolise the warmth and unity that define us as the CRAN family.

This celebration is more than just a culmination of the calendar year; it is an opportunity for reflection on the events of the past year, an expression of gratitude for the moments we have shared, and a collective anticipation of the possibilities the coming year holds. The festive lights, casting a radiant glow on our surroundings, serve as a visual representation of the joy and unity that permeate our workspace.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In addition to our Christmas lighting celebration, today holds dual significance as we come together to commemorate World AIDS Day. This global observance is a solemn occasion to reflect on the progress made, remember those we have lost, and renew our commitment to combating HIV/AIDS. Beyond being a mere date on the calendar, World AIDS Day is a call to action, a reminder of our shared responsibility to fight against stigma, spread awareness, and extend support to those affected by this epidemic.

As we gather here amidst the festive glow, let us acknowledge the challenges posed by HIV/AIDS but, more importantly, celebrate the resilience, courage, and progress achieved in the battle against this disease. Our shared commitment to raising awareness, supporting one another, and contributing to the well-being of our community is truly commendable. It is in these moments of shared purpose that we realise the strength of our bond and our ability to make a positive impact.

Director of Ceremonies,

The lights around us, whether sparkling in celebration of Christmas or shining in solemn acknowledgment of World AIDS Day, represent the illumination of hope. They symbolise our commitment to creating a brighter, healthier future for all.

In the spirit of Christmas and the essence of World AIDS Day, let us continue to be beacons of positivity, advocates for change, and contributors to the well-being of our community.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment, hard work, and the spirit you bring to CRAN. May this festive season be a beacon of joy, and may our collective efforts contribute to a brighter and healthier future for all. Thank you for being part of this meaningful celebration and let the spirit of Christmas and the essence of World AIDS Day inspire us all.

Thank you for your commitment and hard work. Wishing you all a festive season filled with joy, good health, and a sense of accomplishment.

I thank you!