



STATEMENT
BY
MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION
TECHNOLOGY, HON. TJEKERO TWEYA AT THE BREAKFAST
MEETING AT NICE RESTAURANT, WINDHOEK

09 JUNE 2017

TIME: 07:30

- Director of Ceremonies;
- Dr. Jean-Pierre Ilboudo, UNESCO Representative to Namibia;
- Ms Jolanda van Westering, Representative's Officer in Charge UNICEF;
- Chief Executive Officers, Managing Directors and Management of companies gathered here;
- Staff of MICT
- Members of the National Preparatory Committee for ICT Summit
- Members of the Media;
- All protocol observed

A very warm welcome on this beautiful, yet very cold winter morning.

I am pleased to announce that the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology will be hosting the 4th National ICT Summit from 09-11 October 2017 in Windhoek.

The National ICT Summit is an annual event aimed at bringing ICT stakeholders together to share innovative ideas in bridging the digital gap and making ICT accessible to our people in order to improve their lives and livelihoods. For us to achieve this and more, we need the involvement and support of our stakeholders both in the public and private sectors, so as to make ICT an enabler for socio-economic development.

This year's Summit will focus on strategies to attain 100% network coverage to drive e-services such as e-governance, e-health, e-education, e-mining etc to the Namibian people. Furthermore, so doing would promote employment creation, transparency and accountability in relation to the National Development Plan 5 (NDP5) and the Harambe Prosperity Plan ICT goals.

This year's ICT summit will once again dedicate a day for the youth to exhibit and showcase their talents and innovative ideas. The day will further offer the youth an opportunity to network with ICT industry players. I therefore urge all of you present here today, to come and support the young innovators, as they are the future Bill Gates and Steve Jobs of this country.

For this event to be realized, funds are required to successfully host the Summit. We need inputs from potential sponsors on how to further improve the Summit in order to make this year's event more inclusive hence your invitations to this event.

Last year, the Summit was made possible by various sponsors whom I would like to thank wholeheartedly for their much needed support. These sponsors in no order of preference are: **MTC, TN, Paratus Telecom, CRAN, MTN Business, Lenovo, NBC, Green Enterprise Solutions, Huawei, Schoemans, New Era Publication Corporation, AVM, NCRST and SME Bank. I would also like to acknowledge the following exhibitors: NUST, UNAM and IUM.**

The Summit past and present would not and cannot be a success without your financial support. As explained earlier by the National Preparatory Committee for the 4th National ICT Summit, this year there are four sponsorship packages, namely Platinum, Gold, Diamond and Silver for you to choose from. I therefore implore past and potential sponsors present here today to consider sponsoring this laudable event. The Ministry alone cannot actualize the stipulated NDP5 & HPP goals without the assistance of industry players. I believe that together we can **leverage ICT to unlock economic opportunities for an inclusive society.**

I thank you!