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ON THE LAUNCH OF THE 5TH NATIONAL ICT SUMMIT

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- **Director of Ceremonies**
- **Hon Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on ICT and Innovation**
- **Mr. Mbeuta Ua- Ndjarakana, the Permanent Secretary: Ministry of ICT**
- **Captains of industry and businesses in ICT**
- **Distinguished sponsors and Exhibitors,**
- **Esteemed stakeholders,**
- **Management and Staff of MICT**
- **Members of the Organizing Committee**
- **Distinguished Invited Guests**
- **Members of the media**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

Good Afternoon to you all!

We have converged this afternoon to officially trigger activities aimed at signaling the onset of the 5th anniversary of the National ICT Summit 2018 - an occasion that will be staged from the 15th – 17th October 2018 in Windhoek under the theme **“Digital Transformation for an ICT smart Namibia”**.

As has been the case over the past years, the Summit provides a golden platform for the ICT industry to appreciate trends and challenges facing the industry globally and the country at large. Government, by extension many ICT industry players, view the platform as the theater to showcase the plethora of ICT advancements, solutions and services. That notwithstanding, the Summit also serves as a conduit to expose the youth to latest ICT trends and affords them the opportunity to present their latest innovations and inventions. Equally, the ICT Summit continues to serve as a lever to consolidate existing relations between the ICT stakeholders.

As government, we aspire to transform Namibia into a digital smart nation that leverages technology in driving the country's socio-economic development agenda.

Over the years, Namibia has made massive strides in investing in ICT infrastructure. Such investment continues to date and has placed our country in the league of Nations that can confidently harness the dividends of the global digital economy.

I implore all ICT industry players, public and private sectors, academia and the youth, to optimally exploit the opportunities this platform presents to drive broader efforts to build a digital social and economic ecosystem that will truly support our efforts to transform Namibia into a digital Smart Nation.

Ladies and Gentlemen

During the breakfast meeting on 27 June 2018, I invited stakeholders to take up sponsorship packages befitting their pockets and in so doing make the Summit a success. I am delighted to announce that to date, the following sponsors have confirmed their participation in the 5th National ICT Summit:

Platinum Sponsors: MultiChoice Namibia; Huawei; MTN Namibia; Mobile Telecommunications; Schoemans Technologies; Telecom Namibia and Green Enterprise Solutions.

Gold Sponsors: AVM and CRAN

Diamond Sponsors: PowerCom, New Era Publication Corporation.

Silver Sponsors: Paratus Telecommunication; Proef Namibia (PTY) Ltd; Headway Consulting (PTY) Ltd and First National Bank Namibia. Proef Namibia and Headway Consulting have committed to be sponsors for the ICT Summit for the next two years.

I would like to convey my appreciation to all the sponsors who have committed to being part of this prestigious national event. In the same vein, I encourage potential sponsors and exhibitors to contact the Organizing Committee. Do not be left behind! With these remarks, I wish to conclude by acknowledging the good coverage received so far from both print and electronic media and implore you to continuously accord us your usual support on this enterprising Summit journey!

Ladies and Gentlemen

Today is undeniably a historic occasion in the ICT Summit Calendar, as the anniversary of the 5th National ICT Summit ushers in a new image. The new image envisages a logo and a revamped website with a new address.

The new logo represents our digital world and all its various trending applications and platforms we use on a daily basis thereby easing our communications at a click of the button wherever we are. The ring colours on the logo, represents our national colours which bind us together as a nation.

The website used during the past Summits was inherited from Telecom Namibia who pioneered the Summit idea. Now that this has become a national event, the Summit website will be hosted and managed within government infrastructure by the Office of the Prime Minister. The new address for the National ICT Summit is www.ictsummit.gov.na

Ladies and gentlemen, I now have the pleasure to officially launch the 5th National ICT Summit. Registration strictly online, is also officially open.

Luitumezi! Relebongile