

# **REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

### **VOTE OF THANKS BY**

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AT THE 8<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL ICT SUMMIT

**09 SEPTEMBER 2024** 

MERCURE HOTEL
WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA

- Director of Ceremonies
- Hon. Minister Emma Theofeulus Minister of ICT
- Hon. Modestus Amutse Deputy Minister in the Ministry of ICT
- Hon. Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on ICT and Innovation
- Members of the Diplomatic Community;
- Captains of Industry
- Management and Staff of MICT
- Distinguished Sponsors
- Esteemed Stakeholders
- Members of the Media
- All protocol observed

#### Good Morning.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in making this summit possible; the organisers, sponsors, exhibitors and all stakeholders. Your unwavering commitment is exemplary and a testament to the crucial role the ICT sector plays in Namibia's growth and development.

To our esteemed sponsors:

Your generous contributions, both monetary and in-kind, are invaluable and deeply appreciated. Your support reinforces the essential role of this sector. Thank you!

## Director of Proceedings Ladies and Gentlemen

To our passionate exhibitors, we cannot wait to view and experience your innovations and skills. Your contributions are pivotal in driving the growth of our industry, as you continuously "adapt" to the ever-evolving ICT landscape, proving that "dying" is not an option in this digital era.



Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge and appreciate all stakeholders outside the ICT ecosystem. Your presence here underscores the broader importance and value of ICT across all industries and we thank you for your continued support.

# Director of Proceedings Ladies and Gentlemen

A special thank you goes to the team behind the scenes, the organisers who have worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this summit. Your commitment and dedication are truly commendable.

To the media, we are grateful for your continued focus on the ICT sector and for providing robust coverage of this summit. Your role in disseminating information and raising awareness in an era of access to information is crucial to our collective success.

As we navigate the ever-changing ICT landscape, let us remain vigilant and committed to creating avenues for a prosperous and inclusive future. May this 8<sup>th</sup> National ICT Summit demonstrate our nation's resilience and adaptability as we continue to embrace digital transformation and the advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Thank you all once again for your presence here today.

