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MEDIA RELEASE **NAMIBIA GEARS UP TO HOST THE 8TH NATIONAL ICT SUMMIT**

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The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) in partnership with its generous sponsors, will host the 8th National Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Summit, under the theme: **"Building Resilience to 'Adapt or Die' in the Era of Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence (AI)."**

The summit will be held from 9 -11 September 2024 at the Mercure Hotel in Windhoek, Namibia and will bring together industry leaders, experts, innovators, policymakers and stakeholders. Moreover, the national summit, which is the biggest event on the ICT calendar in Namibia will provide a platform for networking, exhibition of projects, initiatives and discussions of possible solutions to the trends and challenges facing the industry in the country and globally.

"Recently, the International Monetary Fund ranked Namibia ninth out of 54 African countries in terms of preparedness for adopting Artificial Intelligence in 2024. This ranking highlights Namibia's significant progress in developing the necessary infrastructure and environment to leverage AI technologies. It underscores the relevance, alignment and timeliness of this year's theme, showcasing the country's commitment to adapting to the evolving digital era," remarked Dr. Audrin Mathe, Executive Director of MICT.

To this end, we invite the public to follow this hybrid summit, which will position Namibia's ICT sector and allow the country to be a digital nation, where Namibians can benefit from opportunities presented by the digital space. The Summit will be broadcast live on both MICT and NBC platforms.

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