

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS COUNCIL (NIKSC)

The National Commission Research, Science, and Technology (NCRST) is established by Section 4 of the Research, Science and Technology Act No 23 of 2004 as a competent authority to ensure promotion, co-ordination and development of Research, Science, Technology, and Innovation activities in Namibia.

The establishment of the National Indigenous Knowledge System Council (NIKSC) is provided for under Section 19 of the Research, Science and Technology Act No 23 of 2004, which states that “the Commission, from time to time in the prescribed manner and after consultation with the Minister, may establish one or more councils in the Research, Science and Technology sector to perform such functions as prescribed and as may be assigned to it by the Commission. A council performs its functions under the supervision of the Commission.”

The overall mandate of the NIKSC will be:

To facilitate the developmental agenda related to Indigenous Knowledge System (IKS) in all related sectors. This may include the development and implementation of the National Policy and/or Strategy on Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS), in order to: provide a strategic direction on matters related to IK, for instance, ethics in IK research; identify IK initiatives relevant to Namibia; promote IK R&D; and gather Namibian IK-related material.

The council in their advisory capacity may also help perform explicit functions such as:

- Enhance, recognise, develop, and promote the value and the role of Indigenous Knowledge and Technologies for development.
- Facilitate the integration of IKS into the Education Curriculum.
- Facilitate and advise on the appropriate process of collecting and sharing of information on IKS practices in Namibia.
- Advise on Intellectual Property Rights issues pertaining to IKS, storing (database) and protecting information and data.

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Required Skills and Expertise:

Members expected to serve on NIKSC should be persons with a minimum of 5 years' experience of which 3 years should be in policy formulations and analysis in the following field or sectors:

- Culture,
- Law/Legal,
- Natural Sciences,
- Health sector,
- Social Sciences

In addition, the members are expected to have a sound background and understanding of Namibia's legal framework, especially in the Culture, Health, Education, Agriculture, Environment, and Trade sector.

In line with the above, the NCRST hereby invites nomination from interested persons. Candidates can nominate themselves or can be nominated by an organization or another individual. In cases of nominations by a third party, candidates must give their consent for nominations. Interested candidates are to submit a **one page motivation** as to why they are suitable for this appointment together with the CV and academic transcripts. Documents enclosed in an envelope should be submitted **not later than 16 February 2018** to:

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