

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE NATIONAL SPACE SCIENCE COUNCIL (NSSC)

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 Space Science Council (NSSC) 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 NSSC will be:

The main function of the NSSC is to provide strategic direction on the development of the Namibian Space Science and Technology agenda which may include the development & implementation of Namibia Space Science Policy and Strategy.

The Council in its advisory capacity may also assist to perform explicit functions such as:

- To enhance, recognise, develop, and promote the value and appreciate the role of space science and technology for national development.
- To assist in developing guidelines for Namibia’s space exploration activities and the use of space technologies and its applications.
- To advise on relevant mechanisms for national human capacity development in space science and space technologies in Namibia.
- To promote and facilitate the integration of space science into the education curriculum.
- To encourage regional and international co-operation in space science and astronomic related matters

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Required Skills and Expertise:

Members expected to serve on NSSC 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:

- Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Environmental Science and GIS
- Telecommunication & Electronic Engineering

In addition, the members are expected to have a sound background and understanding of Namibia's legal framework, especially in the Science, Technology and Innovation field.

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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