



Welcoming Remarks

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At the Signing Ceremony of the Sponsorship Agreement between NCRST
and NAMPORT

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Director of Ceremonies,
Mr Bisey /Uirab, Chief Executive Officer, NAMPORT
Board of trustees, NAMPORT
Executive Management and Management, NAMPORT
Executive Management and Management, NCRST
Staff Members of NCRST and NAMPORT
Distinguished Guests;
Members of the Media,
Ladies and Gentlemen;

What an exciting moment for us to conclude the sponsorship agreement between the National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) and the Namibian Port Authority (NAMPORT).

This sponsorship agreement is signed in recognition of the roles that our two institutions can play to strengthen the efforts of creating interest and passion for science and technology amongst our young people; to ignite a long-lasting passion in science which could inspire many more to ask “why” and “how”; and to embark on a journey of learning and discovering.

A Science Quiz Competition provides innumerable benefits to learners, which encourage their educational and even social development. Participation in a science quiz competition stimulates a learner’s interest in science and technology while simultaneously promoting the development of the skills such as communication, strategic thinking, team

work, and lights the fire for knowledge. A learner's decision about study and career paths are primarily based upon interest in a particular field and on his/her perception of job prospects in that field. Positive contacts with science and technology at an early age can have a long-lasting impact.

With this Science Quiz Competition, we are confident that we will manage to achieve two key important results namely:

- Instill in learners the values of knowledge, wisdom and compassion to make them smart citizens; and
- Generated scientific minded citizens.

Through this partnership NCRST and NAMPORT will jointly facilitate the NAMPORT Biggest Brainer Science Quiz Competition for High School learners across Namibia. We will also promote the public understanding of science, technology and innovation. This areas of cooperation resonates well with our mandate to promote and coordinate science, technology & innovation in Namibia.

We are pleased to sign this sponsorship agreement with the Namibian Port Authority because we believe that science, technology and innovation development is a long-term undertaking, which no Ministry or Agency can tackle alone. As citizens of Namibia, we hold equal responsibility for the growth of this nation to empower our youth with science and technology at

all levels of education, as it plays a pivotal role in shaping their lives and careers which in turn will benefit our nation. The future of our nation is in their hands, and they can elevate our nation to more advanced levels than what it is today.

I would like to thank you, Mr Bisey /Uirab and your team for the commitment you have shown which lead to the finalization of the sponsorship agreement. The real work must start now and the Organizing Committee need to meet as soon as possible to map out an implementation plan.

I thank you.