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National Consultative Workshop on the Development of the National Research, Science, Technology and Innovation Programme

The National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) will be hosting the National Consultative Workshop on the Development of the National Research, Science, Technology and Innovation Programme (RSTIP), on 24-25 March 2014 at Safari Hotel and Court in Windhoek.

The aim of the National Consultative Workshop is to:

- Gather input from all stakeholders regarding the development, establishment and implementation of the National RSTI Programme;
- Plan the way forward towards the implementation strategy for research, science, technology and innovation, and its contribution to national development.
- Facilitate knowledge sharing among national and international experts,
- Identify the National RSTI priority fields, taking into consideration other important national documents such as the industrial policy, NDP 4, and Vision 2030;

The initial draft Programme has been developed with the broader context of Vision 2030 goals of Namibia to become, a “prosperous and industrialised Namibia, developed by her human resources, enjoying peace, harmony and political stability”, further V2030 also aims at a “healthy and food-secure nation... with a resource-based industrial sector and commercial agriculture, placing great emphasis in skills development”.

At the workshop, the draft document on NRSTI Programme will be presented to key stakeholders for final review, comments, and implementation planning, to ensure national consultation and involvement. The workshop is thus expected to bring together approximately 100 key stakeholders from different sectors in Namibia, South Africa and Botswana.

‘In terms of Section 18 of the Research, Science and Technology Act, the NCRST must prepare a national programme for research, science and technology once every three years. We are excited about the upcoming consultative workshop and look forward to positive and insightful contributions that will lead to a comprehensive national programme’ said Dr, Eino Mvula, CEO of the National Commission on Research, Science and Technology.

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