



Statement

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At the COACH Career Building Workshop For Scientist in All Disciplines

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Prof Geri Richmond, Director of COACH and International Facilitator of COACH;

Prof Ellen Wohl, International Facilitator of COACH;

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Distinguished Representatives from the US Embassy;

Distinguished Workshop Participants;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

A very good morning.

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer of the National Commission for Research, Science and Technology, Dr Eino Mvula I have the pleasure to welcome you all to this very important workshop jointly organized and hosted by the National Commission for Research, Science and Technology and COACH on Career Building For Scientist in All Disciplines. The response to this workshop has been overwhelming, the organizing committee and I were encouraged by this response. The Commission has noted with appreciation the presence of many participants, which is a sign of the importance that you attach to career building and mentorship. I would like to acknowledge

and thank the US Embassy in Windhoek for facilitating the hosting of this workshop.

Director of Ceremonies,

The NCRST as the government agency mandated to strengthen our National Innovation System; we saw it fit to work closely with **COACH** to assist institutions, government organizations and departments to create a professional workplace that provides an equal opportunity for discovery and innovation for its entire scientific and technical workforce.

Director of Ceremonies,

Coming back to the objectives of the workshop, this workshop is aimed at the career building of our scientist on how to master the necessary research tools and working skills to build a successful career in science in academia and elsewhere.

COACH has developed a series of Career Building workshops that it provides to all career levels to assist scientists in achieving their full career potential and aspirations. The workshops have been carefully developed to mentor and train participants in skills that are not traditionally taught in Science, Technology,

Engineering and Mathematics education. Looking at the topics listed in the programme, I am very confident that at the end of this workshop, all participants will be given wonderful opportunities to network and learn valuable skills.

Testimonials show the positive impact that these COACH workshops have had on participants around the globe. The workshops significantly changed their lives. Each workshop has been an eye opening experience and taught them necessary skills to be successful in their career.

Ladies and Gentleman,

I urge all participants to take advantage of the presence of experts, by engaging fully throughout this workshop. I hope that this workshop will be an enjoyable and productive opportunity for you to share inspirational stories and to develop a network to assist each other. This, I believe would benefit yourself professionally.

With these few remarks, I would like to welcome you and wish you a very successful workshop.

I thank you.