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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### *NCRST Signs Service Level Agreement with UNAM*

The National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) today signed a Service Level Agreement with the University of Namibia as the service provider through its Centre for Multidisciplinary Research (MRC).

The Service Level Agreement comes as a result of a memorandum of understanding between NCRST and the Namibia Statistics Agency, signed last year, which lays the foundation for collaborative and strategic partnership between the two institutions. The NCRST/NSA agreement provides for the establishment of a Joint Technical Committee which is to appoint an experienced service provider to conduct two surveys: the Research and Development Survey and the Innovation Survey. It was on this basis that UNAM-MRC was approached to be the service provider who will be conducting the two national surveys. Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) core indicators handle components such as active human capital involvement in Research & Development, time dedicated to R&D activities and the budget or investment for scientific research activities, and the innovation component to effectively inform Research, Science, Technology and Innovation (RSTI) development in the country

“This agreement signifies the confidence that the National Commission on Research, Science and Technology places on the competence and capability of our institutions of higher learning in performing quality research. We look forward to the publication of regular National reports on STI statistics/indicators that this process will yield”, said Dr Eino Mvula, CEO of the NCRST at the signing ceremony.

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“The signing of this agreement is indeed a landmark, as it will allow Namibia to reach its research and development goals set out in Vision 2030 and National Development Plans”, said UNAM Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Lazarus Hangula.

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