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Official Launch of the Science, Technology and Innovation Festival 2015

The National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST), today official launched the Science, Technology and Innovation Festival 2015, at the Windhoek Country Club, where the event will be held in June this year.

The Science, Technology and Innovation Festival is a national initiative of the NCRST, and will take place on 29 June to 3 July 2015. The aim of the festival is to promote Science and Technology to the public and to serve as an eye-opener to many people, especially the youth. As well as to demystify popular misconceptions and create a new mind set about engineering, science and technology; and allow scientist the opportunity to make science accessible to all people.

The Festival is expected to draw over 3000 participants from across Namibia, and will host exciting events such as a Research Symposium; Scientific Shows; Interactive Demonstrations; Exhibitions Competitions; and a Science, Technology, Innovation and Engineering Awards Ceremony.

The NCRST is hosting the Festival in conjunction with other key stakeholders and partners, and will embark on a roadshow to all fourteen regions over the next five months starting in February, to promote the festival in order to ensure that all regions are represented.

“The festival will discuss and showcase the importance of science, technology and innovation to national development with emphasis on giving audiences an amazing

experience through a programme of STI inspiring events, workshops, demonstrations, public talks and exhibitions. The STI Festival will bring together the scientific and innovation community to educate and excite the next generation about STI”, said Dr Eino Mvula, Chief Executive Officer at the NCRST.

The Ministry of Education, through the then Directorate of Research, Science and Technology has over the past nine years successfully organized and facilitated the National Science, Technology and Innovation Week (NAMSCI), with the aim of creating awareness and interest in science, technology and innovation amongst all beneficiaries; to showcase and encourage innovation and creativity; and to enhance the teaching and learning of mathematics, science and technology in our schools. It is for this reason that the National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) as an agency mandated with the promotion, co-ordination, monitoring and supervision of all research, science and technology activities in Namibia, has decided to further this initiative and take it to an even bigger scale.

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