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Keynote address by Honourable Stanley Simataa, Deputy Minister: Ministry of Information and Communication Technology at the Official launch of the 2<sup>nd</sup> National ICT Summit 2015 – themed "***Bridging the Digital Gap***"

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Members of the Preparatory Committee for the 2nd National ICT Summit 2015  
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Good morning and thank you for joining us for the launch of the 2<sup>nd</sup> National ICT Summit 2015.

The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology will be staging the 2<sup>nd</sup> National ICT Summit under the theme "***Bridging the Digital Gap***" at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino from 06<sup>th</sup> and 07<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

The Summit, as has been the case in the past, brings together all industry stakeholders, including government, business, professionals, consumers and academia, to reflect on ICT trends and challenges facing the industry globally and Namibia in particular.

Additionally, the Summit will define the roadmap for the development and effective integration of technology, as well as clarify the agenda for an improved ICT sector competitiveness.

Furthermore, the Summit intends to strengthen the interface between the Government of the Republic of Namibia and major players in the ICT sector through sharing information, especially on the latest trends.

ICT is a vital tool in achieving Government's main national priorities of economic growth inclusive of the attendant primary objective of poverty eradication and shared prosperity for all Namibians.

Director of Ceremonies,

As a Government, through the Ministry of Information Communication Technology, we are duty-bound to ensure the creation of an enabling ICT environment which can contribute more effectively towards improving people's lives in the workplace, in their homes, and their communities. We must find creative ways and means to use technology and to give citizens a greater voice in demanding the requisite services and also in holding their representatives accountable.

The Summit is an opportune platform that will bring together strategic stakeholders to forge partnerships that will deliver innovative ICT outcomes to consolidate good governance and the provision of much needed ICT services throughout the country.

Some of the notable partners who are making it possible to host an event of this magnitude are, Telecom Namibia, Schoemans, National Commission of Research, Science and Technology, XON Systems and Juniper who all pledged to take up the Platinum packages to the tune of N\$95,000.

Director of Ceremonies, allow me to express my sincere appreciation and profound gratitude to all our generous sponsors, participants, exhibitors and visitors for contributing directly and indirectly to the success of the 2<sup>nd</sup> National ICT Summit. I want to urge all prospective sponsors, contributors and participants to contact our Organising Committee in the event you wish to be part and parcel of this noble ICT initiative.

As for you members of the media, you are important partners in boosting ICT literacy levels of our citizens generally. You are a knowledge transforming conduit and should therefore play a great role in creating, disseminating, sharing and raising awareness on ICT and its usage. I therefore implore you to give special attention to providing generous coverage of this event from this launch until its conclusion on 07 October 2015.

I thank you!!!!