NCRST
National Commission
On Research Science & Technology

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

**CALL TO SERVE ON THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS COUNCIL (NIKSC)**

The National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) was established in terms of Section 4 of Research, Science and Technology Act, 2004 (Act No. 23 of 2004) (RST Act) with a primary role of promoting, coordinating, monitoring, and developing Research, Science and Technology in Namibia. The NCRST is a public enterprise established in term Public Enterprises Governance Act, 2019 (Act No. 1 of 2019). The institution is guided by the Revised National Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy (2020-2030) and other Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) legal frameworks as well as the Integrated Strategic Business Plan FY2021/22 – FY2025/26.

The Revised National Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy (2020-2030) calls for the development of Indigenous Knowledge Systems Policy (IKSP) and its implementation plan to contribute to the improvement of policy, legislative and regulatory environment objective. To provide for coordination, promotion and development of Indigenous Knowledge and its related systems in Namibia, as well as facilitate the linkages/collaborations, the NCRST has established a National Indigenous Knowledge System Council (NIKSC) as provided for in Section 19(1) of the Research, Science and Technology Act, 2004 (Act No 23 of 2004). The NIKSC plays an advisory role and assists NCRST in the overall implementation of the Indigenous Knowledge Systems programmes; specifically in overseeing the development, implementation, and evaluation of the outcomes of the Namibian Indigenous Knowledge Systems agenda.

**THE NIKSC OVERALL MANDATE**

The NIKSC plays an advisory role and assists NCRST in the overall implementation of the Indigenous Knowledge Systems programmes; specifically in overseeing the development, implementation, and evaluation of the outcomes of the Namibian Indigenous Knowledge Systems agenda. The Council performs such functions as assigned to it by the Board of Commissioners in line with

the guiding principle of the revised RSTI Policy and serves as an advisory body to the NCRST in a bid to safeguard the development and implementation of a National Agenda on indigenous

knowledge systems and related technologies in all relevant sectors.

Furthermore, the NIKSC provides strategic direction and guidance on policy matters pertaining to indigenous knowledge systems. This may include, but not limited to the development and implementation of National Indigenous Knowledge Systems Policy and/or Strategy, advice on ethics in indigenous knowledge research, identification of indigenous knowledge activities relevant to Namibia, as well as promotion and development of IK research as well as gathering of Namibian IKS related materials.

**Skills and Expertise Required**

Applicants should be in possession of a master's degree or higher qualification, with a minimum of five (5) years' experience in their respective field/sector below, of which three (3) years should be in Policy Formulations and Analysis:

- Natural Sciences
- Law (specialised field of International Law)
- Intellectual Property Law

In addition, applicants are expected to have a sound background and understanding of Namibia's legal frameworks, especially in the Science, Technology, and Innovation field.

In line with the above, the NCRST hereby invites interested persons to submit their application including a one-page motivation as to why they are suitable for this appointment, the CV, certified copies of qualifications including academic transcripts, reference letters, and other relevant documents. Application enclosed in an envelope should be submitted by hand not later than 01 March 2024 to:

**The Chief Executive Officer,**
**National Commission on Research, Science, and Technology,**
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**Prosperita,**
**Windhoek**

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