



PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTATION ENGAGEMENT

NATIONAL POLICY ON THE MANAGEMENT OF WASTE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT IN NAMIBIA

Date & Venue:

Wednesday, 1st December 2021, 08:00am – 02:30pm
Avani Windhoek Hotel & Casino
29 Independence Ave, Gustav Voigts Centre - Windhoek

The rapid growth of digitalization and the adoption of ICT products has resulted in the growth of Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE), which has called for a dedicated and cross-sectoral approach. WEEE is a highly complex waste stream, which includes old and end-of-life devices from households, businesses and the public sector, which contains environmental hazardous substances.

In addition, the adoption of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) by larger sections of the population has led to a growing stock of discarded WEEE in Namibia. Equally important, the unsound disposal of WEEE has an adverse effect on the environment and human health. In light of this background, Namibia under the leadership of the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, with the technical support of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has taken steps to develop and adopt a National Policy covering WEEE management and measures required to tackle the growing challenge of all categories of EEE in Namibia which have reached their end of life.

MICT in collaboration with ITU will be hosting a consultative workshop to achieve the following objectives:

- To present the National WEEE Policy document and Implementation Action Plan.
- To engage with businesses and industry associations in the EEE sector in Namibia on the issue of e-waste, the concept of Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) and potential business opportunities from the recycling of WEEE.
- To discuss and brainstorm on the possible financing mechanisms, roles & responsibility, organizational structure, collection, and recycling of e-waste in Namibia.



PROGRAMME

Time	Title	Speaker
08:00 - 08:15	Registration	
08:15 - 08:30	Introduction and Welcoming	MICT
08:30 - 09:00	Opening Statement	MICT
09:00 - 09:30	Presentation & Overview of the National WEEE Policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vision ▪ Objectives ▪ Policy Areas ▪ Implementation of the Action Plan 	MICT
09:30 - 10:00	General Introduction to E-waste: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The issue of e-waste ▪ The concept of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) 	Andrea Cararo ITU
10:00 - 10:30	Ongoing Initiatives in Namibia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MultiChoice & NamiGreen 	Roger Gertze MultiChoice Per Hansen Namigreen
10:30 - 11:00	Group Photo & Networking Break	
11:00 - 11:30	Open Discussion	Alisa Amupolo Moderator ITU
11:30 - 13:00	Open Discussion on e-waste “hot-topics”: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financing e-waste collection and recycling 2. Organizing the EEE producers 3. Involving the EEE producers into the recycling sector in Namibia 	Alisa Amupolo Moderator ITU
13:00 - 13:30	Next Steps and Wrap-up	MICT
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch Served	