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MICT CONCERNED ABOUT SLUGGISH SIM CARD REGISTRATION STATISTICS

Windhoek, 21 September 2023 – The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) expresses deep concern over the low public turn-up in SIM card registration.

According to the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia, as of 15 June 2023, only 795,991 out of 2,760,804 subscribers, constituting a mere 29%, have registered their Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) card.

The Minister of Information and Communication Technology has issued the Regulations, which set the deadline for the registration of SIM cards from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

Despite the time frame provided for this critical process, there has been a low public response to this imperative. The Ministry firmly reiterates that there will be no extensions granted beyond the specified date of 31 December 2023.

The public is therefore encouraged to register their SIM Cards before the deadline of 31 December 2023. Any SIM cards not registered by this cut-off date will be disconnected.

It is essential to underscore the significance of SIM card registration, as this process plays a pivotal role in deterring phone-based fraud, identity theft, and other criminal activities. Mandatory registration and identification of SIM card users aligns Namibia with international best practices.

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