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**THE CHAIRPERSON
LOCAL CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS
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WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA**

Dear Sir / Madam,

SUBJECT: SITE VISIT BY THE FACULTY AND ORGANIZERS OF THE 19TH INTEREST CONFERENCE TO NAMIBIA, 8-12 OCTOBER 2024

The Ministry of Health and Social Services take this opportunity to inform you of the nomination for Namibia to host the **19th International Conference on HIV Treatment, Pathogenesis and Prevention Research in Resource-Limited Settings (INTEREST)** Conference, scheduled to take place on 13-16th May 2025. The INTEREST conference is the foremost conference on HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment and serves to galvanize and build the capacity of actors in the HIV response in the African region. The INTEREST conference attracts over 700 delegates from all over the globe.

Members of the Faculty and organizers will travel to Namibia between the 8th and 12th of October 2024 for a site visit. The purpose of the site visit is to carry out preparations for the INTEREST Conference, set up the local organizing committee, meet partners and stakeholders, and assess logistics on the ground.

Therefore, this letter serves to inform you of the upcoming site visit and that your Ministry/Agency/Institution has been identified as a key stakeholder in the preparation and successful hosting of the INTEREST Conference next year. Please avail relevant staff within your institution to meet the faculty and organizers during this visit. The proposed schedule for meetings is herewith attached. More information about the INTEREST Conference can be found on the Conference website: <http://interestworkshop.org/>

For inquiries and or changing the date and time proposed for the meeting with your institution, kindly contact Ms. Emilia Uhepo at Emilia.Uhepo@mhss.gov.na or Telephone no: +26461-203 2700.

We look forward to your support in hosting a successful INTEREST Conference in Namibia.

Sincerely,

**BEN NANGOMBE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



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