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Mr. Ben Nangombe
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Dear Colleague,

REQUEST FOR INPUT INTO BRIEFING NOTES AND TALKING POINTS AHEAD OF THE 15TH EDITION OF THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT DAYS, LEADING EUROPEAN FORUM ON INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS "GLOBAL GATEWAY", 21-22 JUNE 2022, BRUSSELS

Kindly be informed that President, Dr. Hage G. Geingob, has been invited to participate in the above-mentioned Forum, however, due to other equal important engagements, he will not be able to honour the invitation, and has delegated the Prime Minister, Right Honourable, Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, to participate on behalf of the Government of Namibia.

In light of the above, **the Ministry is requested to provide up to date input into briefing notes and talking points**, with regards to Namibia's priorities in the areas of science, technology, innovation and research and quality education, in particular in the context of COVID-19.

Input into briefing notes and talking points can be sent to: mshaduka@mirco.gov.na with a copy to anghifitikeko@mirco.gov.na, not later than Thursday, 9 June 2022. Furthermore, you are invited to a preparatory briefing meeting to consolidate these inputs on Friday, 10 June 2022, at 10:00 MIRCO 4th floor. Kindly confirm your participation with mshaduka@mirco.gov.na.

Yours sincerely,


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Executive Director





Global Gateway: up to €300 billion for the European Union's strategy to boost sustainable links around the world

Brussels, 1 December 2021

Today, the European Commission and the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy launch the Global Gateway, the new European Strategy to boost smart, clean and secure links in digital, energy and transport and strengthen health, education and research systems across the world. It stands for sustainable and trusted connections that work for people and the planet, to tackle the most pressing global challenges, from climate change and protecting the environment, to improving health security and boosting competitiveness and global supply chains. Global Gateway aims to mobilise up to **€300 billion in investments between 2021 and 2027** to underpin a lasting global recovery, taking into account our partners needs and EU's own interests.

President of the European Commission, Ursula **von der Leyen**, said: *"COVID-19 has shown how interconnected the world we live in is. As part of our global recovery, we want to redesign how we connect the world to build forward better. The European model is about investing in both hard and soft infrastructure, in sustainable investments in digital, climate and energy, transport, health, education and research, as well as in an enabling environment guaranteeing a level playing field. We will support smart investments in quality infrastructure, respecting the highest social and environmental standards, in line with the EU's democratic values and international norms and standards. The Global Gateway Strategy is a template for how Europe can build more resilient connections with the world."*

High Representative/Vice-President, Josep **Borrell**, said: *"Connections across key sectors help to build shared communities of interest and reinforce the resilience of our supply chains. A stronger Europe in the world means a resolute engagement with our partners, firmly grounded in our core principles. With the Global Gateway Strategy we are reaffirming our vision of boosting a network of connections, which must be based on internationally accepted standards, rules and regulations in order to provide a level-playing field."*

The EU has a long track record as a trusted partner to deliver sustainable and high quality projects, taking into account the needs of our partner countries and ensure lasting benefits for local communities, as well as the strategic interests of the European Union.

Global Gateway is about increasing investments promoting democratic values and high standards, good governance and transparency, equal partnerships, green and clean, secure infrastructures and that catalyse private sector investment.

Through a **Team Europe approach**, Global Gateway will bring together the EU, Member States with their financial and development institutions, including the European Investment Bank (EIB), and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and seek to mobilise the private sector in order to leverage investments for a transformational impact. The EU Delegations around the world, working with Team Europe on the ground, will play a key role to identify and coordinate Global Gateway projects in partner countries.

Global Gateway draws on the **new financial tools** in the EU multi-annual financial framework 2021-2027. The Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)-Global Europe, the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) III, as well as Interreg, InvestEU and the EU research and innovation programme Horizon Europe; all allow the EU to leverage public and private investments in priority areas, including connectivity. In particular, the European Fund for Sustainable Development+ (EFSD+), the financial arm of NDICI-Global Europe will make available up to €135 billion for guaranteed investments for infrastructure projects between 2021 and 2027 up to €18 billion will be made available in grant funding from the EU budget and European financial and development finance institutions have up to €145 billion in planned investment volumes.

Further adding to its financial tool kit, the EU is exploring the possibility of establishing a **European Export Credit Facility** to complement the existing export credit arrangements at Member State level and increase the EU's overall firepower in this area. The Facility would help ensure a greater

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