

28 February 2026

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:**

**Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) for the Proposed Construction and Operation of a 80m Guyed Mast Telecommunication Tower located at Otjikojo, in Kunene Region.**

**Date:** 21 January 2026

**Time:** 12h20

**Venue:** Otjikojo village

The consultation was held in Ombombo village by a Team of 3 from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS) - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS**

The meeting was opened by the environmental consultant by introducing the team and stating the purpose of the consultation meeting with the parties affected by the proposed project. The meeting attendance register was circulated for the attendees to sign and add their contact details, so that they could be added to the list of interested and affected parties (I&APs) and receive further information on the ESA process.

### **2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION**

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

#### **2.1 Brief Description of the Project**

The Environmental Consultant, Ms. Nakale, explained the EIA process to the attendees and the reason for their invitation to the meeting (with reference to the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public

Consultation). Ms. Nakale further explained the importance for the proposed project of requiring an ECC and attendee's role in the EIA process.

### **2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts**

To ensure transparency towards the public and understanding of proposed works by the attendees, the Environmental Consultant also presented the pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts.

### **2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)**

Ms. Nakale provided the meeting attendees with the opportunity to raise their concerns/issues and/ or comment on the proposed project activities. The issues and comments recorded are presented in **Table 1** below.

**Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the public consultation meeting, 21 January 2026**

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue/comment/question	Response and name of responder:
1.	<b>Commenter 1:</b> We have an issue of poor coverage, and it has really affected us in many ways.	<b>Iyaloo Nakale(IN):</b> Noted.
2.	<b>Commenter 2:</b> The Councilor was here yesterday to inform us of your coming and has already explained. How soon can they start?	<b>IN:</b> After submitting the reports to the Ministry of Environment and Tourism for review and ECC consideration, a 14-day waiting period must be observed before proceeding with the review process. Upon approval of the ECC, the proponent may initiate the project once all necessary preparations are completed on their part.
3.	<b>Commenter 3:</b> Where will the tower be placed? The network coverage from Okangwati does not reach here. What happens when a car breaks down on the road while transporting someone to the hospital? We can't even call for help	<b>IN:</b> It will be placed a few meters west of the village. The strongest coverage will be within a 1.5 km radius of the tower. This village and the nearby villages are well within coverage. This is one of the reasons why MTC has responded to your request and has identified the specific site to erect the tower in support of your concerns.
4.	<b>Commenter 4:</b> We want to go to the site and see it. Is it on a hill or a flat surface?	<b>IN:</b> Noted, we can take the chief and two other people, it is not far so the rest can walk. After this meeting, we are going to assessment the site, so we can verify when we get to the site.

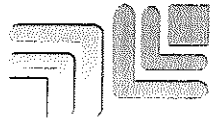
## **FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

Ms. Nakale thanked the attendees for their input through comments and by raising their concerns. She indicated to the attendees that all their comments, concerns and inputs had been noted down for consideration, and for addressing in the Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Report, as well as incorporating their recommendations into the draft EMP.

Furthermore, Ms. Nakale informed the attendees that the draft meeting minutes, Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be shared with them for their review and further comments. These documents will be made available through emails provided on the attendance register.

Once the review of the reporting is completed, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) for evaluation and consideration for an ECC.

The meeting adjourned at 13h20



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## Consultation Meeting Attendance Register

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### Project Meeting Schedule

Date: 21 January 2026

Time: 12h30

Venue: Otjikojo Community Tree

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11.	Hembinda Ukaripi				
12.	Mbinge Ijomehamukuru				
13.	mbinge Komurengo				
14.	Iijuu Kuuuoru				
15.	Harire Uaniombe				
16.	Iipikita Iohuku				
17.	Iitombo Mbyzi				
18.	Ndiaombe Uaseraere				
19.					
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