

Date: 12 February 2026

CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Construction of a New Guyed Mast Telecommunication Tower Site (Onampombo/Site 8) in the Onampombo Village, Oshikoto Region - Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC)

Date: Thursday, 12 February 2026

Time: 5:21 pm to 6:17 pm

Venue: Onampombo Village Headman's Residence

Project Proponent: Mobile Telecommunications Limited (*MTC Namibia*)

Meeting Attendance

The public consultation meeting had an attendance of ninety (90) people, including two Environmental impact practitioners from Serja Consultants. The signed attendance register is attached hereto.



Figure 1: Proceedings of the Onampombo EIA consultation meeting on the 12th of February 2026

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING

The meeting opening and welcoming were done by Hon. Esala Ndaamekele (Okankolo Constituency Councillor). Mr. Stefanus Johannes (Environmental Assessment Practitioner / Consultant) from Serja HGE Consultants thanked the meeting attendees for making time. Mr. Johannes then presented the meeting agenda, which is based on the requirements of the 2012 EIA Regulations: Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 on Public Consultation, Sections 21 to 24. The attendance register was circulated for attendees to sign the meeting attendance as proof of consultation to be appended to the EIA Scoping Report.

To ensure that the elderly understood the meeting points for inputs, and since the field Environmental consulting team is Oshiwambo-speaking, the proceedings were done in Oshiwambo.

2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION

The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) / Mr. Johannes presented the agenda of the meeting, which included the following main points:

2.1 Explanation of what an EIA is, its Process, and the Public Role in the Process

Mr. Johannes explained that the EIA process is done in compliance with the EMA, as the establishment of telecommunication towers are one of the listed activities that cannot be undertaken without applying and obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner, which is subject to an EIA process and EIA Scoping Report as well as an Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The EIA process requires that the consultation meeting be held with the affected and or interested parties where the project activities would be undertaken. Therefore, the ECC needs to be obtained first from the Environmental Commissioner at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism (MEFT) before the tower erection.

2.2 Brief Description of the Project

A brief description of the planned project activities was presented as per the provided BID copy, and Mr. Johannes emphasized the importance of understanding the conducted EIA Study.

2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, Mr. Johannes also presented the potential pre-identified positive and negative environmental impacts anticipated from the proposed project activities. This will establish the basis for mitigation measures to be developed for the proposed project.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

The meeting attendees were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and/or raise concerns about the proposed project activities to be incorporated into the meeting minutes and used as the basis for the compilation of the EIA Scoping Report and Draft EMP. The key comments and issues made in the meeting were recorded and noted for consideration and inclusion in the EIA Report. These issues and comments are presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Issues, suggestions, and comments received during the Consultation Meeting in Onampombo on the 12th of February 2026

No.	Name of the Speaker/Commenter & Capacity	Comment/Issue/Suggestion	Response provided by:
1	Mr. Epafras Pendapala Wapota (Ndjukuma Primary School Principal)	What is the expected network coverage radius of the proposed tower?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): Exact figures were not available; however, it was noted that the coverage is expected to be generous.
2	Mr. Patrick Nghishidimbwa	Who is eligible for employment on this project? Is a list of names of ready workers required?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): All able adults are eligible, subject to the skill sets required by the contractor. The Environmental Management Plan emphasizes prioritization of local community members for employment opportunities wherever feasible. Further details on the recruitment process will be discussed with the appointed contractor at the appropriate stage.

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3	Ms. Saima Kakoko	What effect will the radiation of the tower have on the community?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): The tower design incorporates measures to limit emitted radiation to levels that pose minimal risk to human health.
4	Mr. Martin Haihambo	Will it be our responsibility to take care of this tower?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): The tower will benefit the local and surrounding communities; therefore, the community is encouraged to protect the infrastructure from tampering and to report any observed issues or irregularities to MTC or the NAMPOL. MTC will undertake regular maintenance.
5	Mr. Shiyuka Stjapa	Why does reception sometimes appear worse when closer to a network tower, but improve further away?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): I have never experienced this phenomenon and do not know how this is possible, but we will forward the question to the technical team of MTC. However, it was clarified that MTC towers operate in coordination with one another. The new tower will work together with existing nearby towers to ensure comprehensive coverage across intervening areas.
6	Ms. Talodjona David	If the tower includes a transformer, can electricity be drawn from it?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): Details on the type of transformer to be used were not available. It was indicated that this may be possible for personal transformers, but interested parties would need to approach NORED and MTC directly to discuss and arrange any such connections.
7	Mr. Onesmus Paulus	I would just like to express gratitude for this project and your efforts in coming this far to have this engagement with us. The nearest power lines appear some distance away. Will connecting to them pose a challenge to the tower?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): I observed power lines on our way here in the villages we passed through. It should not be too much of a challenge.

3. FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

3.1 What is the way forward after this meeting?

Mr. Johannes thanked the community for attending the meeting. He informed them that their comments and recommendations will be included in the EIA Scoping Report and EMP that will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) of the MEFT for evaluation and consideration of the ECC. The EIA documents (including meeting minutes) will be shared with registered I&APs for review and further comments. In other words, once the review of the draft documents by I&APs is completed, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the DEAF/MEFT for evaluation and consideration for an ECC.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.



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PROJECT PROPONENT: MTC (Network Tower)
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