TPs for closing of Otjiwarongo Workshop

- Successful continuation of the capacity building activities launched last year, drawing on the resources of expertise from inside and outside the UN system. Thank the colleagues from UNESCO and UNECA that made valuable contributions on the issue of STI policy and roadmaps.

- Take note of and appreciate the diverse representation of participants at the conference including from NPC, Ministry of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation and Namibian Statistics Agency. Especially note the representation of the NPC Divisions present, including: the Policy Coordination Division; Macroeconomic Planning Division; Regional Planning Division; Sectoral Planning Division; Monitoring & Evaluation Division; and the Multilateral/Development Partners Division.

- Express that the training has enabled engagement and preliminary dialogue amongst the participants on the importance of coordination, with them highlighting the need for enhanced coordination within NPC and also with the various Offices, Ministries and Agencies.

- Additionally, the workshop has generated information on opportunities for partnerships and collaboration: UNESCO, UNECA, UNDESA, may establish joint work on STI in Namibia.

- Hope that the workshop has fulfilled the desire of the NPC for hands-on, practical capacity development.

- Take note of the request by NPC for support to strengthen their coordination mechanisms: Communicate that the UN system looks forward to follow-up, to this end.

- Appreciation is due to the tireless efforts of the RCO (Eunice) in coordinating and playing such a key role in bringing the workshop to fruition. The contribution of GIZ Namibia is also appreciated, given their long-standing partnership with the Government of Namibia. Hope their support can be counted on for future workshops.

- Look forward to continued cooperation going forward, building on the excellent foundation of this workshop.