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PRESS RELEASE

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ICT IN EAST AFRICA

The Management of the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST) is pleased to announce to NM-AIST Community and general public that, the newly established Centre of Excellence for ICT in East Africa (CENIT@EA), will be officially launched by Hon. Minister of Education, Science and Technology of the United Republic of Tanzania, Prof. Joyce L. Ndalichako (MP) on 23rd of August, 2019 at Tengeru Campus, Arusha.

CENIT@EA is a regional centre serving East African Member States namely; Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. It was initiated by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the East African Community (EAC). It is funded by the BMZ while the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) and Germany Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) are development partners.

The project is implemented by the Inter-University Council of East Africa (IUCEA) through the academic consortium comprised of: The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST), the University of Dar Es Salam (UDSM) and the University of Technology and Arts of Byumba (UTAB) from the East Africa region together with The Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, the German Aerospace Center (DLR), the Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft (HTW), Berlin, the Hochschule Mannheim (HSM) from Germany Side.

The centre enrolled its first cohort in June 2019 and plans to announce applications for the second cohort which is expected to commence in January 2020. The aim is to strengthen the capacity and capabilities of the EAC region in ICT by facilitating scholarships to students pursuing Master of Science in Embedded and Mobile Systems (MSc. EMoS), and foster regional networks and cross-sector partnerships between higher education institutions, industry, the public sector and civil society. The centre is hosted at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST) in Arusha Tanzania, at the School of Computational and Communication Sciences and Engineering (CoCSE).

Many stakeholders are invited to the event including all the consortium partners from East Africa and Germany, Let us gather to celebrate this initiative which will foster the socio-economic transformation in the Eastern Africa region.

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