

Namibia

General Aspect

Namibia has a population of 1,7 million and covers a surface area of 824 268 square kilometres. It's a Democratic state.

Diffusion of ICT

PC penetration (number of PCs/population) is estimated 1,2%. 1,5% of the population has an access to internet. Users of telephone services represent 6,7% of the population, while the mobile phone penetration amounts to a scant 3,5% of the population.

Application of ICT to Public Administration

In Central Public Administration, 6,7% of employees have a PC; but the percentage is 19% for the local Public Administration. Only 0,6% of the civil servant can utilise internet and e-mail in their work environment. Some Intranet/Extranet networks within governmental bodies have been implemented.

Public Administration on line

33% of governmental bodies of the Central Public Administration have their own internet web site. The percentage decrease to 10% for the local PA. The Legislative and Executive bodies have their own internet web site.

Institutional web sites generally provide information about functions of members of government; programmes, structures, policies; information about aspects of country's economy; e-mail contact to politicians and senior officials; bibliographical searches on-line of National and National Archives. It is generally possible to send requests for information via e-mail.

E-Government issues

While on line services are still to be developed, A team of consultant a is currently drafting an overall ICT Policy for Namibia; the office of the Prime Minister is assisting Ministries, Offices and Agencies to computerise personnel administration and management; a funds control system is instituted by the Ministry of Finance; a project is also under way in the art field. Instruments will be determined by the final ICT Policy.

Ongoing projects focuses on the application of ICT instruments in the learning and professional Centres.

Namibia's Government plans to invest in the e-government policy about 12 million USD.