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### **MTC offers laptops to UNAM and Polytechnic students at subsidized rates**

*A pleasant surprise awaits University of Namibia and Polytechnic students when they start registering for the 2009 academic year on Monday, 26 January 2009.*

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**[WINDHOEK, 25 January 2009] - MTC is offering students and staff members at these two institutions laptops at highly subsidized rates inclusive of Broadband Internet access through MTC's 3G/HSDPA network.**

While staff members qualify by virtue of being employees of the two institutions, students participating in the laptop campaign should ideally be in good standing with their institutions and should not owe outstanding tuition or other related fees to the University or the Polytechnic.

Other requirements for eligibility will be explained by MTC agents at both the Polytechnic and University of Namibia during the registration periods of the respective institutions.

MTC's Managing Director, Miguel Geraldès said the laptop initiative is part of MTC's ICT development plan for the education sector to equip every higher learning student with the means to improve ICT literacy and build a solid foundation for a knowledge-based society.

“In addition to the subsidization of laptops to students at UNAM and Polytechnic,” Geraldles said, “MTC is also investing heavily in equipping each of the 1000-plus primary schools in the country with laptops. We will communicate the roll out plan to primary schools in due course.”

MTC continues to be player a major role in sports sponsorship in the country but the company is gradually shifting its attention to the education sector, particularly in those areas where it can make a significant and lasting impact through its core competencies which are mobile telephony and ICT.

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## **MTC Namibia**

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