



## PRESS RELEASE – MTC COMMITS TO THE NAMAs FOR ANOTHER 3 YEARS

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Arguably, one of the best national music awards on the African continent, the Namibian Annual Music Awards will take place as planned in 2019.

The award ceremony, which usually takes place around April/May, will however take place much later in the year for this year only. For the past 8 years, the ceremony has traditionally taken place either at the end of April or early May and the call for entry dates has remained consistent so far. Explaining the anomaly, Tim Ekandjo from MTC explained that “after every 3 years we are bound to go out on tender and the process took a bit longer than expected,.

However, we are committed to the event and have committed to the NAMAs for another 3 years which will see both MTC and NBC spearheading the event for 11 years with this new commitment, added Ekandjo.

We expect to call for entries at the end of February 2019, and will in due course announce the exact date. When we do so, the qualifying entries rules will remain the same, meaning only albums released between 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> November 2018 will qualify for entry. We expect to announce the close call for entries at the end of March 2019 to give artist a month to submit.

“We will than make further announcements for the Nomination Launch and when the Main Awards ceremony will take place as we go along”.

The call for entries for the 2020 awards will go back to the normal dates, meaning we will call for entries for next year’s event in October as usual and the 2020 awards will take place on or traditional dates which is around April/May 2020” explained Ekandjo.

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