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## ROLL-OUT OF THE AFRICAN UNION COVID-19 DIGITAL VACCINATION CERTIFICATE IN NAMIBIA

The Government of Namibia has partnered with the African Union and the PanaBios Consortium to introduce the Trusted Travel and Trusted Vaccines technology platforms. The new technological innovation provides for the issuance of secure, tamper-proof and digitally verifiable COVID-19 laboratory test results and vaccine certificates that facilitate smoother and hassle-free travel.

Following weeks of trouble-shooting and pressure testing, the Ministry of Health and Social Services has customised the system for Namibia and is now in a position to issue, authenticate and verify travellers' COVID-19 vaccine certificates. Travellers can enjoy the comfort and convenience of generating their authentic COVID-19 digital vaccination certificates online.

This notice serves to inform that, from 26th April 2022, the Trusted Vaccines platform is available to generate COVID-19 Digital Vaccination Certificates for persons who are fully vaccinated. For a Digital Vaccination Certificate with a QR Code to be issued, the platform is equiped with a 'self-upload' functionality, enabling individuals to upload information and images of their Vaccination Cards and Passports/Travel documents for authentication. The Ministry supports ongoing engagements to establish full interoperability between the Trusted Vaccines framework and the European Union Digital COVID-19id Certification trust gateways.

A step-by-step guide on how to register/create accounts and generate provisional digital vaccination link: this accessed using Vaccines Platform, can be Trusted certificates on the https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f5wziYL2kyD0GQ4hgzUSgcI0iKYT3PD2/view?usp=sharing Once generated, provisional digital vaccination certificates are approved by the Ministry before they can be used for travel purposes. Travelers are encouraged to upload their documents at least two weeks prior to the travelling date to allow the Ministry to approve the certificates. Travellers who are unable to use the 'self-upload' option may contact the COVID-19 toll-free number (0800 100 100) for assistance.

For further enquiries, kindly contact the Ministry of Health and Social Services, Public Relations Office at the telephone number: +264612032054 or email address: <a href="mailto:public.relations@mhss.gov.na">public.relations@mhss.gov.na</a>. Travellers may copy <a href="mailto:globalhaven@panatios.org">globalhaven@panatios.org</a> in technical enquiries regarding the certificate.

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