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ICT Industry Outlook in PNG

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ICT Trends & Direction in Terms of Government Spending 5 mins

Potential Area of Collaboration with Malaysia under JC-ICT

Market Access Opportunities & Facilitation Service 5 mins



Population: 7-8 Million GDP – per capita: USD 2,300 GDP Growth: 7%

Current ICT Infrastructure

- 60000 fixed line subscribers,
- > 2 million subscribers for mobile cellular operator ,
- 8 AM radio broadcast stations,
- 19 FM radio broadcast stations and
- 4 Television broadcast stations
- 5 Internet Service Providers
- Network of microwave radio, satellite and intra-city optical fibre transmission systems
- International links to over 160 countries in the world and domestic services to all urban centers and major villages.



- 2005
- **Time Line of ICT Industry Major Events**
- Decision to introduce competition in Mobile telephone
- Decision to formulate National ICT Policy
- 2007
- Two new mobile telephone licenses awarded to two new operators. Digicel commenced roll out immediately
- 2008
- National ICT Policy endorsed by government. Policy sets direction towards competition
- 2009
- March 2009, Specific Reforms endorsed by government. Foremost is the review of the existing legal framework
- November 2009, New ICT Bill passed by Parliament replacing the old Telecommunication Act and Radiospectrum Act.
- Formation of NICTA
- 2010
- NICTA to take full charge of the industry
- Preparation of UAS
- 2011
- Industry levy commences in relation to UAS contribution
- Implementation of UAS



ICT Industry Regulators

- Previously PANGTEL is the licensing authority and regulatory of the radio communications and telecommunications industry
- Currently there is a new converged ICT Regulator NICTA
- NICTA performs all functions and powers relevant to the regulation of the ICT sector
- NICTA governed by Board of not more than 5 persons and not less than 3 persons
- NICTA accountable to Parliament and courts in its operations



National ICT Policy

- Continued transformation of the state owned carrier Telikom PNG into a viable and efficient competitor with options for private-public partnership
- Review of the mandate and functions of the regulators
- Review of the regulatory framework to clarify the scope of reserved rights of general carriers, securing timely interconnection and creation of a licensing regime to permit
- Developing a comprehensive Universal Service regime to apply in the telecommunications sector in Papua New Guinea



The EGM on ICT Development and Opportunities for Enhancing Cooperation for Regional Connectivity.





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