

THE POLICIES IN THE ICT SECTOR

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NATIONAL ICT POLICY

Purpose:

To leverage ICT for transformation of Uganda into a Knowledge Society by 2025

What the Policy is Trying to address:

- i. Build a knowledge based human capital;
- ii. Promote innovation in economic and social systems;

What the Policy is Trying to address ctd...

- iii. Expand ICT infrastructure and its integration throughout the country;
- iv. Deepen utilization of ICT services by government, private sector, not for profit ICT organization and citizenry;
- v. Enhance research and innovation in ICT products, applications, and services; and
- vi. Improve ICT governance and environment in Uganda.

NATIONAL ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT (E-GOVERNMENT) POLICY FRAMEWORK

Purpose:

To transform the operations of government using ICT as a tool to improve internal efficiency, service delivery to citizens, business and community participation

What the Policy is Trying to address:

- i. To continuously improve the efficiency of, and access to government information and services to meet citizen's expectations;
- ii. To develop and maintain a secure seamless and comprehensive e-Government interface (one-stop centre integrated service delivery mechanisms);
- iii. To institutionalize the use of e-Government information and services through the adoption of appropriate organizational models.

TELECOM POLICY

Purpose:

- i. To position telecommunications as a key pillar of national development through provision of accessible, affordable and high Quality services countrywide

What the Policy is Trying to address:

- i. To continue promotion of rollout of telecommunications infrastructure while ensuring efficient management of available resources for sustainable human development;
- ii. To further strengthen a legal and regulatory environment that supports development of Uganda's Telecommunications sub- sector;
- iii. To create a conducive environment for the establishment of a fully liberalized, technology neutral and competitive telecommunications sector;

NATIONAL BROADCASTING POLICY 2004

Purpose:

To Provide a framework that guides and coordinates the broadcasting industry.

What the Policy is Trying to address:

- i. To continue promoting liberalisation and do away with monopoly;
- ii. To ensure that a balance is struck between making profit and the fulfilment of public service obligations as laid down in the relevant regulations;
- iii. To ensure that the broadcasting sector contributes in a sustainable manner to economic growth and development;

What the Policy is Trying to address ctd...

- v. To ensure that the broadcasting system contributes to unity and patriotism by safeguarding, enriching and strengthening the cultural, social and economic fabric of Uganda;
- vi. To ensure pluralism and diversity in the provision of news, views and information;
- vii. To ensure that a fair and systematic procedure for handling complaints from the industry and the public is in place;

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY FOR UGANDA

Purpose:

To promote the efficient utilisation of Information Technology in transforming Uganda's economy;

What the Policy is Trying to address:

- i. To develop a harmonized national IT infrastructure that provides equitable access to foreign and local markets;
- ii. To develop a critical mass of educated IT human resource at all levels to meet the local and export requirements;
- iii. To stimulate and support research and development in IT;

What the Policy is Trying to address ctd...

- v. To promote widespread use of IT applications in both public and private sectors to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery;
- vi. To develop national and adopt international standards and guidelines to support growth of IT industry in Uganda

ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-WASTE) MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR UGANDA

Purpose:

To guide, promote and ensure the safe management of E-waste in Uganda and contribute to reduction of environmental degradation by mitigating pollution arising from the use of electric and electronic equipment

What the Policy is Trying to address:

- i. To provide for establishment of e-waste facilities in the country;
- ii. To mobilize and sensitize the Government, private sector and the communities on the proper management and handling of e-waste on a sustainable basis;
- iii. To provide for the putting in place of specific E-waste standards, regulations and guidelines for the acquisition, handling and disposal processes;

What the Policy is Trying to address ctd...

- iv. To develop a critical human resource base knowledgeable in E-waste management;
- v. To provide for resource mobilization for efficient management and disposal of e-waste;
- vi. To establish incentives for encouraging both local and foreign investors to establish e-waste facilities in Uganda.

Analog to Digital Migration Policy 2011

Purpose:

To guide the ADM Process

What it was addressing:

- Digital Dividend
- Unleashing content
- Delivering convergence of technologies

Spectrum Management Policy 2017

Purpose:

To provide for smart management of the scarce resource

What it was addressing:

- Efficiency in the management of this important national resource

National Guidance Policy 2009

Purpose:

To sensitize the population on patriotism

What it was addressing:

- Ideological clarity of the citizen

Thank you