



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

# MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

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## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

The Minister of Information and Communications Technology, the Minister of State, the Permanent Secretary and all the Staff of the Ministry extend their sincere congratulations to the President of the Republic of Uganda His Excellency General Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the Vice President, Rt. Hon. Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament and all the people of Uganda on this auspicious occasion of the 30th Anniversary of NRM Administration.

The Vision of the Ministry is: "A knowledge based Uganda enabled by a vibrant ICT sector". The Mission is "To provide leadership and enabling environment for promotion of ICT as an industry and enabler for transforming Uganda into a knowledge-based society".

In order to improve connectivity and reduce the cost of bandwidth, Government has put in place 1536km of optic fiber (the national backbone infrastructure). This together will enable the country to improve efficiency and productivity in delivery of services to the people.

The sector has specifically registered the following achievements over the years:-

- The sector's contribution to economic growth in terms of share of GDP stands at 2%.
- Revenue collection (VAT, PAYE and exercise duty) from telecom companies amounted to Shs 484.4Bn in 2015, a rise from Shs. 416.7Bn in December 2014.
- The number of youth employed at the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) centre grew by 33.8%



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from FY 2013/14 to 340 in FY2014/15. We hosted the President at the BPO centre on 18th June 2015.

- Employment in the ICT sector is estimated at over 1.3 million people.
- Telephone subscriptions stand at 22.4 million active subscribers (Tele-density of 63.9%) as of June 2015 compared to 16.2 million (Tele-density of 51.3) in June 2013.
- The number of active internet subscribers rose to 6.2 million by June 2015 compared to 4.3 million in June 2014.
- The internet users grew to 12.9 million as of June 2015 compared to 8.5 million in June 2014.
- The number of licensed TV stations is 67 with 62 operational.

- There are 229 licensed FM radio stations, out of which 208 are operational.
- The number of registered Mobile money subscribers grew to 19.5 million by June 2015 compared to 17.64 million in June 2014.
- The value of mobile money transactions was over UGX 18 trillion in 2015 compared to 13.8 trillion in 2013.
- The volume of mails has reduced from 3 million in 2010 to 2 million in 2015.
- Phase III of the National Backbone Infrastructure (NBI) project was officially flagged off with the signing of the framework and financing agreements to extend the backbone to the borders of Tanzania and Rwanda;

- The Data Protection and Privacy Bill has been approved by Cabinet and submitted to Parliament.
- The ICT Sector Strategy and Investment Plan (2015-2020) was approved by Cabinet to consolidate the above achievements and address the bottlenecks identified in the Sector.

The Ministry assures all Ugandans of its total commitment towards socio-economic development and transformation of Uganda through improved access to secure ICT infrastructure and services.

**LONG LIVE UGANDA LONG LIVE NRM**