Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access Working Group Work Plan

February 2015 Update

Summary:

Outcome: Rationalised infrastructure sharing, which facilitates greater sharing, more efficient CAPEX, greater environmental sustainability, more inter-sectoral collaboration between government agencies and a more incentivized private sector.

Outputs

1. Infrastructure sharing Policy or new ICT Policy that reflects infrastructure recommendations from coalition
2. Infrastructure Sharing Regulation

Group Update:

KEY ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE	OWNERS

Develop draft workplan; Socialise details:
 - Held a Group meeting to review Work Plan; assign action items; plan 2015
 	
 - Contributed to A4Ai submission of Progress Report to Minister of Communication
 	
 - Mr Ofosu-Adarkwa had follow up meeting with Minister
    - highlighted our willingness to support Policy Review process
    - offer was well received
    - **next step: expecting invitation from Ministry once e-Transformation program kicks off**
	- Nov '14
	
	 - Dec '14
	
	 - Dec '14
	
	 - **March '15**
		A4AI Coalition
		
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		 Mr Ofosu Adarkwa
		
		 A4AI Coalition

Fact finding / stakeholder engagement:
 1. Policy review :: process has been incorporated into the e-Transform Program
 2. Open Access :: we need to understand the position of MoC / NITA on the model of management that will facilitate open access of national infrastructure
    - **next step: follow up meeting with NITA**
 3. Best Practices :: GSMA shared report
    - **next step: summarise findings**
	1. Q1
	
	 2. Today / Q1
	
	 3. Q1
		A4AI Coalition
		
		 Mercy Kanyoi-Ndegwa

Update Cont'd:

KEY ACTIVITIES	TIMELINE	OWNERS

Fact finding / stakeholder engagement cont'd:
4.   Regulatory Review :: Mr Ofosu-Adarkwa meet Mr Baah-Acheamfour, NCA
    -   confirmed the NCA had not commenced work towards regulating shared infrastructure
    -   offer to support work towards this was well received
	1. Q1	A4AI Coalition

Hold a Group meeting to progress 2015 Work Plan	Q1	A4AI Coalition

Position on Infrastructure sharing

A number of broad key strategic and commercial drivers exist:

•	Network expansion into underserved areas that would otherwise be unprofitable or have a payback period greater than the business target.

•	Cost reduction.

•	Incremental revenue sources.

•	Capex / opex optimisation.

•	Facilitation of market entry.

•	Regulatory interest is threefold: investment, competition and environmental aspects.

The business case for infrastructure sharing:

Whether there is a business case for infrastructure sharing depends on a number of factors, including:

•	The maturity of the market and the desire of the carriers to differentiate their services based on quality of service and coverage.

•	The planning approaches used by individual carriers and the degree of network roll-out already achieved.

•	The technology being rolled out.

•	Levels of mobile market penetration in the country.

•	Technical and operational limitations.