Infrastructure Sharing Policy Recommendations

Group 1:
1. <u>Inclusive</u> policy on Infrastructure Sharing – long term plan for sector in Ghana.
    a. Enabling environment where govt can engage industry players. Encourage collaboration between govt. agencies (NITA, Roads, Utilities, etc.).
    b. Incentives for the industry to increase rural coverage
    c. Engagement of all stakeholders in policy process
2. Demand-side: what do citizens want? Supply side:
3. Policy on fiber-to-home – how to make fiber to home affordable and more widespread

Group 2:
1. Consultative workshop for all stakeholders on Commercial Infrastructure Sharing
2. Quality of service – regular auditing and reporting
3. Policy for PPPs in Infrastructure Sharing

Group 3:
1. Harmonizing Rights of Way nationally – govt-established Rights of Way Committee (made up of reps from diff govt. agencies) – liaise with regional govts.
    a. Get ICT infrastructure recognized as protected infrastructure
2. Guidelines for infrastructure sharing – effective regulator to enable policy environment for IS.
3. General guidelines/requirements to facilitate sharing

Group 4:
1. Data Penetration Vision for 2025
2. Comprehensive IS policy
3. Coordinating authority streamlining IS process (similar to Revenue Authority)

Group 5:
1. Education/awareness-raising for public on telecoms infrastructure – why access to broadband is important, alleviate health concerns
2. Guidelines for IS – how infrastructure should be built – public consultation process to develop guidelines. Community-level engagement.
3. Pricing should be transparent, cost-based and regulated – providing incentives for IS and encouraging investment.

Feedback:
-Also need for time-bound impact assessments on current guidelines
-Better monitoring of telecoms services by NCA