

Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access Working Group 2016 Work Plan

March 2016



Summary:

TODAY: For various reasons including cost & availability, policy & regulatory direction, many people are still not connected

OUR VISION: 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

=> Fast, reliable, affordable access for everyone

KEY STAKEHOLDERS: Ministry of Communications, NCA, NITA, the Public



Expected Outputs:

- Establish infrastructure sharing Policy & Regulatory Guidelines that provide clear incentives for commercially driven infrastructure sharing.
- Encourage public-private partnership models for broadband fibre rollout, where and when private investment is not feasible.
- Promote synergies and mandate or require effective coordination between communication, railway, pipeline, electricity and road companies during construction and maintenance of infrastructure.
- Lower the barriers associated with rights-of-way costs, by making rights-of-way readily available to network developers at a low cost, simplifying the legal process and fees that local authorities can charge for granting access to rights-of-way.



2016 Plan:

ACTIVITY	TIMELINE & OWNERS
 Stakeholder engagement: Meet with the Minister of Communication & NCA to update them on our achievements & plans for 2016 Meet with Telco Chamber, NITA, World Bank [e-Transform Officer] 	April 2016
Policy Recommendation Paper: - Publish an RFP for a Consultant to construct a Policy Recommendation document - Complete and share recommendations with Key stakeholders	April - May 2016
Public Engagement: - hold both online and offline discussions with the community on our recommendations	May / June 2016