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HISTORICAL SITUATIONS



- ***Pre Telecommunications Act of 2007***
 - ***No Separation between the Policy-maker, Operator, Regulator***
 - ***Monopoly Environment***
 - ***National Resources & the Sector were De-Valued***
 - ***Licenses & Fees NOT Standardized***

- ***Telecommunications ACT of 2007 Established***
 - ***The Policy maker: The Ministry***
 - ***An Independent Regulator: The LTA***
 - ***The National Operator: LTC / LIBTELCO***



THE POLICY



■ ***TELECOMMUNICATIONS***

- ***Regulatory Framework***
- ***Sector Liberalization***
- ***Efficient Use of Natural & National Resources***
- ***Increased Revenue Base from the Sector***
- ***Universal Access & Universal Service***
- ***Infrastructure & Network Developments***

■ ***Information Communications Technology (ICT)***

- ***Hardware & Software Standards***
- ***Electronic Networks***
- ***Privacy & Information Security***
- ***De-Centralization & Access to Global Information***
- ***Implementation, Monitoring & Evaluation***



TELECOM PRIORITY



- **Competition**
- **License & Other Regulatory Fees**
- **Spectrum & Frequency Harmonization**
- **National Security**
- **License Standardization**
- **Poverty Reduction Strategy**
- **Universal Access Funds**
- **Global Deliverables**
- **Liberian-ization**
- **Land-Based / Undersea Cable & Fiber Optics Networks**



ICT INFRASTRUCTURE



- ***E-Application Networks***
- ***Private Sector Growth***
- ***Social Development & Protection***
- ***Capacity Building & Knowledge Transfer***
- ***Global Connectivity***
- ***National Resource Management***
- ***Food & Health Security***
- ***WSIS, MDG & ICT Africa Mandates***



IN SUMMARY



■ POLICY VISION

- Reduce & Eradicate Poverty***
- Accelerate Economic Growth***
- Sustain Socio-Economic Development***
- Develop Human Capacity***
- Improve Quality of Life***
- Promote Infrastructure Development***
- Reduce the “Digital Divide”***
- Create a Knowledge-Based Society***
- Realize Global Objectives***



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GOVT POLICY



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THE ECONOMY



- ***National Budget Support***
 - ***Issue New Licenses***
 - ***Tax Verification Mechanisms***
 - ***Create Sector Employment***
- ***Increase Productivity***
 - ***Deploy Communication Networks in Public & Private Sectors***
 - ***Establish E-Applications & Standards***
 - ***Enhance Information Delivery***
- ***Maximize National Resources***
 - ***Spectrum Utilization***
 - ***“Right of Way” on Public Infrastructure (Roads & Poles)***
 - ***Rehabilitate Land-Based Infrastructures***



HUMAN CAPACITY



- **Promote E-Learning / E-Education**
 - *ICT Curricula in Educational Institutions*
 - *Campus Based ICT Networks*
 - *Certification for ICT Professionals*
- **SUPPLIERS & MANUFACTURERS**
 - *Tax Breaks & Duty-Free Privileges*
 - *Incentives for Liberian-Owned Businesses*
 - *Promote Local Manufacturers*
- **Public Access to ICT Environment**
 - *License more Tele-Centers & Internet Cafes*



REGULATIONS



- ***Interconnection***
- ***Equipment Type Approvals***
- ***Dominant Service Provider***
- ***Equal Access***
- ***Numbering Plan***
- ***Quality of Service***
- ***Tariffs***
- ***Consumer Affairs***
- ***National Security***
- ***Public Safety***





UNIVERSAL ACCESS



■ CRITERIA

- ***Community Size & Population***
- ***Economic Activities in the Community***
- ***Availability of Social Infrastructures & Services***
- ***Presence of Networks in surrounding communities***

■ FUNDING

- ***All Telecommunication & ICT Licensees***
- ***Government Contributions***
- ***Donations***



SUPPORTING AGENCIES



- ***Liberia Reconstruction Development Committee (LRDC)***
- ***Universal Access Governing Board***
- ***National ICT Committee***
- ***Implementation, Monitoring & Evaluation Committees***
- ***Post-PRS: Ministry or Bureau of Communications & Technology (ICT)****



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