



National Information and Communications Technology Authority

EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS

Public Consultation and Call for Universal Access and Service (UAS) Projects for 2020

Further to our notice of 30th April 2018, NICTA hereby informs all interested parties and stakeholders that the closing date for comments and project proposal submissions is **extended** to close of business **Friday, 7th June 2019**.

All stakeholders including the general public, ICT licensees, businesses, community groups and educational institutions are invited to submit project proposals for consideration and evaluation by the Universal Access Secretariat of NICTA. The proposals should seek to promote and contribute to the attainment of socio-economic development goals of government through ICT Infrastructure, services and improve the availability of ICT services within the country particularly in unserved and under-served communities and areas. Interested stakeholders are advised to complete the Project Proposal Form "Form UAS 002" and submit the same to NICTA. The Project Proposal Form is available on the NICTA website (www.nicta.gov.pg)

All proposals should be emailed to: **consultation.submission@nicta.gov.pg** by close of business Friday, 7th June 2019. Alternative forms of submission may be accepted by prior arrangements with our point of contact below. Any respondent that wishes to claim confidentiality over information submitted should follow the procedures set out in the current guidelines on the submission of written comments to public consultations and public inquiries, which are also available from NICTA's Public Register at www.nicta.gov.pg

NICTA further advises that following receipt of submissions, NICTA may issue a draft 2020 Projects Report for public consultation before it can submit its Final Report to the Universal Access Board for consideration.

Enquiries in relation to this matter should be directed to Mr. Veari Iru at NICTA, who can be contacted on 3033233 during office hours or by email: viru@nicta.gov.pg

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Charles S. Punaha
Chief Executive Officer