



National Information and Communications Technology Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public consultation on Tower Sharing Guidelines and Draft Service-Specific Pricing Principles for Universal Access and Service Funded Towers

The National Information and Communications Technology Authority (NICTA) has decided in accordance with Section 219 of the *National Information and Communications Technology Act 2009 (the Act)* to engage in public consultation in accordance with Section 229 of the Act in relation to a proposed guideline relating to the applications procedure for the sharing of telecommunications towers and related facilities. Separately, the determination of service-specific pricing principles is provided for in Section 135 of the Act.

A discussion paper for the purposes of the public consultation is available on NICTA's website (www.nicta.gov.pg) from today, Monday, 8th April 2019. The paper relates to the recent history of regulatory attention to tower sharing including the decision by NICTA not to recommend declaration of tower sharing services to the Minister. The guideline sets out a requirement to register applications with NICTA and also facilitates the process with a proposed model application. NICTA is also obliged to make service-specific pricing principles in respect of facilities access services supplied by means of a facility constructed using universal access and service funding, which is a service that the Act (at Subsection 131(1)) deems to be a declared service.

The public consultation will end on 6th May 2019, the deadline for submissions. Information on how interested parties may make submissions on the issues covered by the proposed rules is contained in the public discussion paper. For further enquiries contact Mr Kila Gulo-Vui, Director, Economics, Consumer and International Affairs on telephone 3033227 during business hours or email: kgulovui@nicta.gov.pg

This notice fulfils the requirements of Sections 219(1)(c) and 229(2) of the Act.

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Authorised by Charles S. Punaha
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