



Public Notice

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Call for Comments on the Proposed Revision of the Licensing Guidelines

In 2017, the Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA) issued Licensing Guidelines following the introduction of Statutory Instruments No. 47, The ICT (Electronic Communications) (Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2017, and the Information and Communication Technologies (Fees) Regulations, No. 48 of 2017.

The purpose of the Licensing Guidelines of 2017 was to govern the issuance of electronic communications network and service licences provided for under the Information and Communications Technologies Act, 2009 (ICT Act). The development and implementation of the 2017 Licensing Framework was aimed at taking the first step towards a long term goal of introducing of a converged Licensing Framework. The framework was also aimed at ensuring that the law adapted to technological advancements as well as the integration of services provided by the Service Providers.

Since the implementation of the 2017 Licensing Framework, the Authority observed that it, to an extent, made strides towards the creation of a technology and service neutral environment which facilitates innovation and the emergence of new services in the sector. However, it was also noted that some provisions in the framework were ambiguous, leading to conflicting interpretation and implementation of the Licensing Guidelines.

The Licensing Guidelines Consultation Paper seeks to outline the challenges identified in the current Licensing Framework, propose revisions, as well as attend to the challenges identified and referred to above.



Consultation questions have, in the Consultation Paper, been formulated as a way of guiding the public, in the manner in which to provide their comments. The comments received will be taken into account when reviewing the framework.

The Authority is hereby seeking for comments from the public regarding the proposed revision of the Licensing Guidelines, before the same are finalized.

The full Consultation Paper may be accessed on the Authority's website by using the link below:

<https://www.zicta.zm/storage/posts/attachments/ygxEfTBLt2z7riMihvtONYZuyRWFJewxkjM1icKj.pdf>

Comments on the same should be submitted no later than Thursday April 27, 2021, to the following:

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