



**BIO DATA: Honourable, Patrick Tammur (M.P.),  
Minister for Communication and Information, Papua New Guinea**

Hon. Mr. Patrick Tammur is the Minister for Communications and Information in the government of Papua New Guinea.

Mr. Tammur was elected to the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea in June of 2007 and subsequently appointed shortly thereafter as the Minister for Communications and Information in August of 2007.

Recognising the importance of the telecommunications and the ICT sector generally to socio-economic development, Mr Tammur has taken the initiative and boldness to reform the telecommunications and the information industry in PNG.

Since taking office, Mr. Tammur has moved swiftly to initiate further reforms by revising the National ICT Sector Policy. The Policy was endorsed in February 2008. Recently, he spearheaded amendments to the Telecommunications Act 1996 giving effect to the Revised ICT Policy.

Mr. Tammur has set a clear timetable for further reforms in the areas of universal service, regulatory institution reforms and interconnection frameworks. Minister Tammur is preparing to revert to Cabinet in March this year.

Prior to his election to the National Parliament and subsequent appointment as the Minister responsible for telecommunications and ICT, Mr. Tammur was a Community Leader in the Kokopo area of the East New Britain Province of PNG.

Recognised by his people for facilitating and advancing socio-economic interests of the community, Mr. Tammur was elected as the member for Kokopo, a seat previously held by his late father, Oscar Tammur who in his own right assisted PNG gain political independence in 1975.

Honourable Mr. Tammur is married and has three children.