**National Launch of the Collaborative Regulation Report:
Accelerating Nigeria's Digital Transformation**

Date: 22 July, 2024 - 09:45-17:00 West Africa Time
Venue: Digital Economy Complex, NCC Annex,
Mbora, Federal Capital Territory, Abuja

Theme: Driving Nigeria's Digital Transformation through Collaborative Regulation:
A Pathway to 5th Generation Regulation

1. Background

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) - the United Nations specialized agency for ICTs, supported by United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) Digital Access Programme (UK-DAP), are collaborating with the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) on developing a collaborative regulatory approach to support digital transformation. The work aims to create an enabling environment, increase investment, and promote modern approaches for connectivity and digital access for all Nigerians.

The team conducted a comprehensive study on collaborative regulation to enhance Nigeria's digital transformation. This study evaluates Nigeria's regulatory environment using the ITU ICT Regulatory Tracker and the ITU G5 Benchmark tools. These tools helped to assess Nigeria's current 4th generation regulatory environment and readiness for 5th Generation regulation. Key findings include the identification of policy and regulatory gaps that need addressing to foster a more conducive environment for digital innovation and investment. The study emphasizes the importance of lean governance and policy cohesion in achieving national development goals through digital transformation. It also outlines strategies for improving regulatory practices to support broader digital access and economic growth in Nigeria.

The launch of this report at the national level in Nigeria aims to engage all stakeholders in discussions about the next steps towards implementing the study's recommendations effectively. The goal is to accelerate Nigeria's progress towards achieving a 5th Generation regulatory framework, which is essential for fostering digital transformation and economic growth. By focusing on the theme "Driving Nigeria's Digital Transformation through Collaborative Regulation: A Pathway to 5th Generation Regulation," this workshop will provide a platform to explore the findings and recommendations of the case study in detail. It will also serve as an opportunity to align stakeholders on the importance of collaborative

regulation in Nigeria's journey towards 5th Generation regulation and digital transformation.

2. Expected outcomes of the launch

The expected outcomes of this National Launch of the Collaborative regulation: Accelerating Nigeria's digital transformation Report includes include the following:

   i.   Enhanced awareness and understanding of the importance of collaborative regulation in Nigeria's journey towards 5th Generation regulation and digital transformation.
   ii. A shared understanding of the implications of how the study's findings can support policy, regulatory, and industry changes needed to achieve 5th Generation regulation in Nigeria.
   iii. Identification of opportunities for collaboration and partnerships to support the adoption of 5th Generation regulatory practices and accelerate digital transformation.
   iv. Identification of areas for further research and analysis to support Nigeria's progress towards 5th Generation regulation and digital transformation.
   v.   Development of joint next steps for the adoption and implementation of the study's recommendations to advance Nigeria's 5th Generation regulatory framework and digital transformation agenda.

3. Participants

Representatives from the Ministry of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, the Ministry of Science and Technology, relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), UK-DAP, sector players including mobile network operators, Internet service providers, telecommunication infrastructure companies, satellite broadband providers and academia.

4. Practical information

Format of the event: Physical

Languages: English.

Starting time: The event is scheduled to start at 9:45 am Abuja time/ 11:45am Addis Ababa time

Website: https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Africa/Pages/EVENTS/2024/nigeria-collaborative-regulation-launch.aspx

5. Contact

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