



Project Closure Event Program

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*Accelerating the achievement of the Digital Uganda Vision
through future-ready policy interventions based on assessments and capacity development*

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Thursday, 28 November 2024	
08:00-09:00	Arrival, registration and badging
09:00-09:05	<i>Welcome and opening of the event by the Master of Ceremonies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joram Paul Ssonko
09:05-09:10	Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aminah Zawedde, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information Communication Technology and National Guidance, Uganda
09:10-09:20	Official event opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director, ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) Chris Baryomunsi, Minister, Ministry of Information Communication Technology and National Guidance, Uganda
09:20-10:15	<p>High-level panel session – Setting the scene for Digital Uganda Vision and the efforts required to implement universal access and sustainable digital transformation</p> <p>This session seeks to frame the event emphasizing the importance of the project's achievements and contributions towards Uganda's digital transformation journey, and expectations going forward to accelerate the achievement of Digital Uganda Vision.</p> <p>Moderator: Emmanuel Manasseh, Regional Director for Africa, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aminah Zawedde, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information Communication Technology and National Guidance, Uganda James Beronda, Director, Uganda Communications Universal Service and Access Fund (UCUSAF), Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) Richard Obita, Director of Technical Services, National Information Technology Authority - Uganda (NITA-U) Elizabeth Ntege, Chairperson, ICT Association of Uganda
10:15-10:20	Group photo
10:20-10:45	Coffee/tea break

10:45-11:00	<p>Project video highlighting achievements and impact</p> <p>Project overview by the project manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine Sund, Senior Advisor, Regional Office for Africa, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
10:55-12:00	<p>Digital transformation for sustainable socio-economic development (Part 1 – Access and connectivity)</p> <p>This session shares findings from the project’s technical studies, highlighting key accomplishments, challenges, and lessons learned throughout the project duration. As such the stakeholders can engage with the outcomes and discuss the sustainability of the project’s impact and contribute to paving the way for the next steps towards implementation of the findings.</p> <p>Moderator: Peter Ogule, Senior IT Officer, Ministry of ICT and National Guidance</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dennis Mugwanya, Project expert, and David Turahi, Project expert, <i>Broadband connectivity for all – From broadband policy review to 5G implementation</i> Alex Nkuyahaga, Project expert, <i>Connectivity and infrastructure investment – last-mile connectivity project assessment</i> Bernard Binagwaho, Project expert and Georges Ouffoue, Project expert, <i>Green data centers – Guidelines, standards and path towards a national strategy</i> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12:00-13:00	<p>Digital transformation for sustainable socio-economic development (Part 2 – Emerging technologies and data for informed decision making)</p> <p>This session shares findings from the project’s technical studies, highlighting key accomplishments, challenges, and lessons learned throughout the project duration. As such the stakeholders can engage with the outcomes and discuss the sustainability of the project’s impact and contribute to paving the way for the next steps towards implementation of the findings.</p> <p>Moderator: Christopher Yikii, Senior IT Officer, Ministry of ICT and National Guidance</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Albert Kihangire, Project expert, <i>A focus on data – big data landscape assessment in Uganda</i> Washington George Okori, Project expert, <i>National AI landscape assessment – Future-proofing Uganda’s digital development</i> James Mulolo, Project expert and Garam Bel, ITU/BDT Circular Economy Coordinator – <i>Supporting the Government of Uganda on its e-waste/extended producer responsibility policy review</i> Martin Waidhuba, Project expert, <i>National ICT equipment manufacturing – Status and insights</i> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:00	<p>Building the required capacity to accelerate digital transformation across sectors</p> <p>This session will focus on the human being at the center of digital transformation and what is needed to capacitate all Ugandans, from IT professionals to entrepreneurs to teachers and community leaders across the country and how to assess if capacity development interventions are making the promised contribution.</p> <p>Moderator: Agnes Lumala, Uganda Institute of Communications and Technology (UICT)</p>

	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Dyson, Project expert, <i>Overview of the national digital skills assessment</i> • Fredrick Kitoogo, Principal, Uganda Institute of Communications and Technology (UICT) • Tonny J. Oyana, College Principal & Professor of GIS and Spatial Analysis, College of Computing and Information Sciences, Makerere University • Patrick Muinda, Commissioner, Communications and Information Management, Ministry of Education and Sports • Julius Peter Torach, Commissioner Information Technology, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
15:00-15:30	<p>A focus on sustainable impact – Insights from pilot projects and the value as experienced by their beneficiaries</p> <p>This session showcases proposals and pilot projects implemented under the project with support of the ITU ICT Development Fund, allowing participants to hear about innovations and solutions that have been explored and developed.</p> <p>Moderator: Ambrose Ruyooka, Assistant Commissioner for Research and Development, Ministry of ICT and National Guidance</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bazil Onen, Project expert, <i>Feasibility study with technical design and specifications for persons with disabilities (PwD) ICT-enabled learning center and integrated system in Uganda</i> • Michael Niyitegeka, Pilot project expert, <i>Uganda techpreneur skilling and mentorship program design and implementation</i> • Patience Asiimire, Techpreneur pilot program beneficiary • Irene Karungi Sekitoleko, Ministry of ICT and National Guidance, <i>From policy to implementation in the context of the Digital Uganda Vision (DUV)</i> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
15:30-15:45	<p>Recognition of training courses completed under the project</p> <p>This session will recognize those who have been involved as beneficiaries and trainers in the over 40 certified training courses that have been delivered through the project. In total close to 6,000 people have taken training that may lead to certification further to final exams. Some training courses are still ongoing, and some trainees are preparing for their exams. We will hear the Government, training providers and trainees and hear about how the impact of the training is being assessed and how the Government will be taking the lessons learned from the assessment of the training courses delivered forward.</p> <p>Moderators: Moses Mugenyi, Assistant Academic Registrar, Uganda Institute of Communications and Technology (UICT) and Annet Ingabire, Principal Human Resources Office, Ministry of ICT and National Guidance</p>

15:45-16:15	<p>What is next – How can synergies be built across initiatives and projects to ensure consistent progress across Digital Uganda Vision pillars that leaves no one behind</p> <p>This session explores how synergies can be built across initiatives and projects to ensure consistent progress across Digital Uganda Vision and the national Digital Transformation Roadmap pillars to ensure that no one is left behind</p> <p>Moderator: Aminah Zawedde, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information Communication Technology and National Guidance, Uganda</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thangavel Palanivel, Senior Economist and Team Leader for Strategy and Policy, UN Development Programme (UNDP) Uganda • Sudhakar Mohapatra, Senior IT Service Delivery Management Officer, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) • Melissa Kyeyune, National Project Coordinator, Digital Skills and Micro-Work, PROPECTS, International Labour Organization (ILO), Uganda <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
16:15-16:30	<p>Event closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emmanuel Manasseh, Regional Director for Africa, International Telecommunication Union (ITU) • Aminah Zawedde, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information Communication Technology and National Guidance, Uganda