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M2M / IOT Numbering Plan in Tanzania

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1.   Introduction

2019

M2M/IoT numbers were introduced to the National Numbering Plan to accommodate the data transfer between machines or applications with little or/no human interaction between devices and

Beyond 2019

M2M applications used a normal mobile number range

To avoid possible exhaustion of the existing Mobile Number Ranges

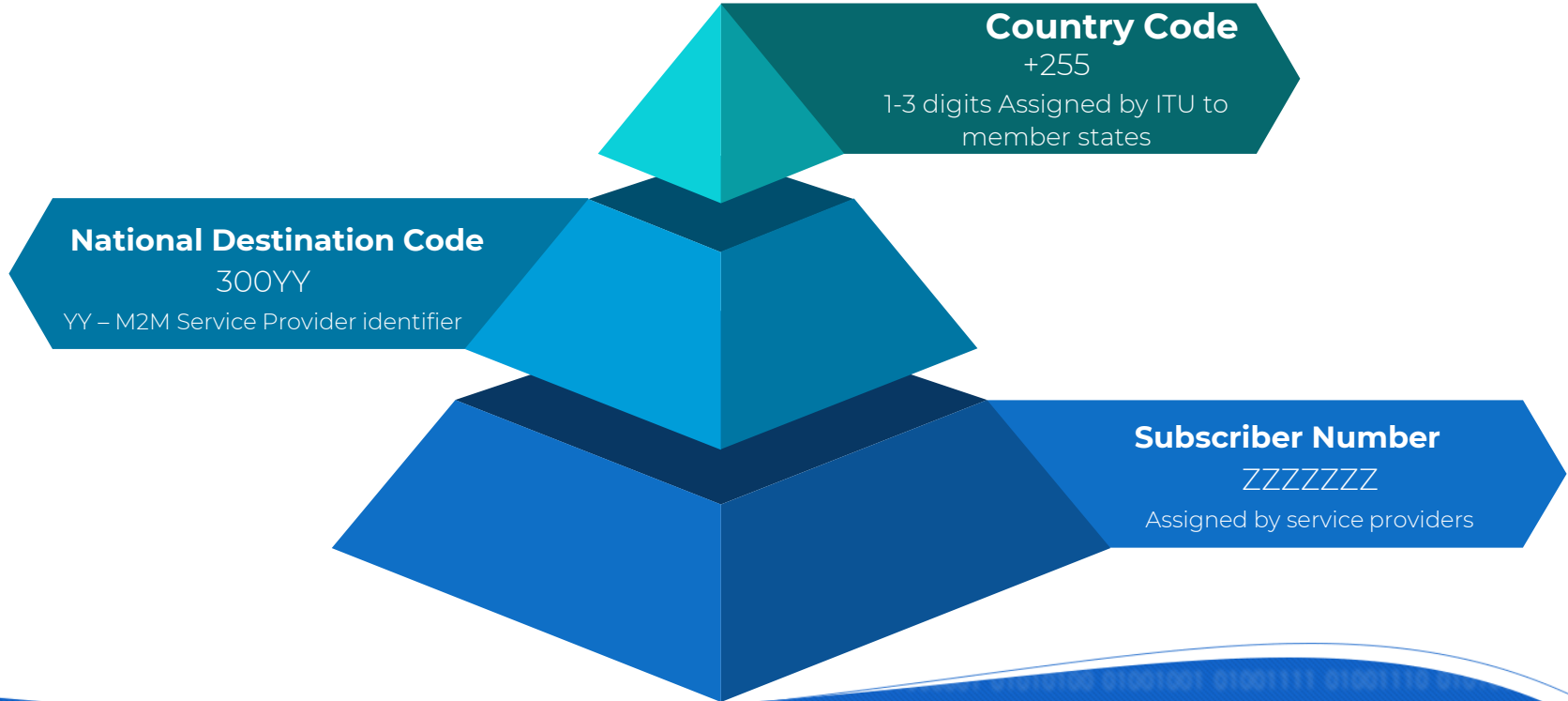**Foreseen growth of M2M application /services**

Demand from consumers

2. M2M/IoT Number Structure/Plan

15 digits number as per ITU-T E.164 Recommendation

+255300YYZZZZZZZ

Country Code
+255
1-3 digits Assigned by ITU to member states

National Destination Code
300YY
YY – M2M Service Provider identifier

Subscriber Number
ZZZZZZZ
Assigned by service providers

3. M2M/IoT Numbering Assignment

Criteria of Assignment

Applicants require Application Service License. M2M may obtain M2M numbers from MNOs.

M2M Numbers Assignment

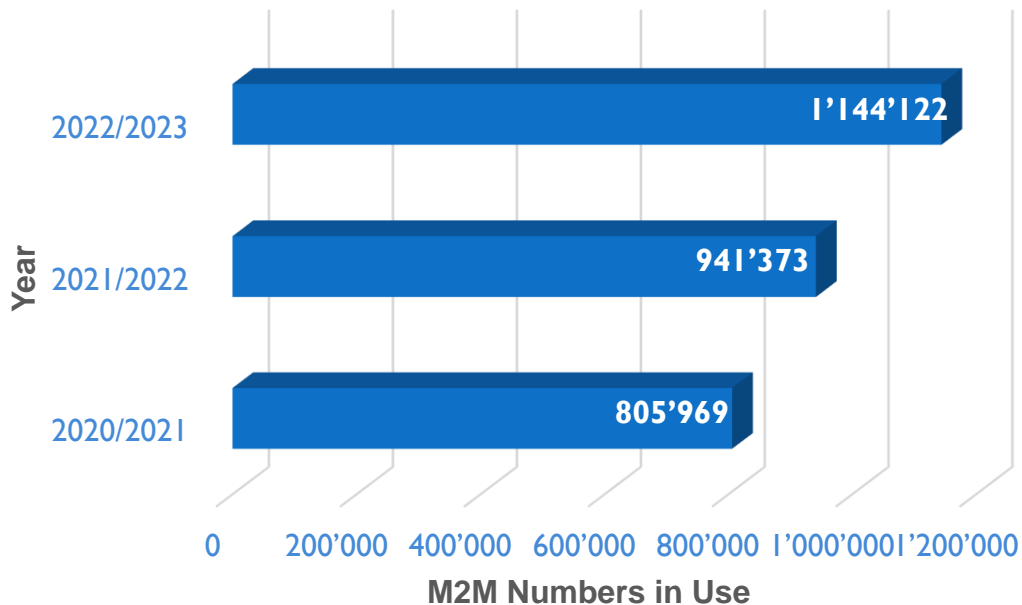All applications, renewals and payments are through the online licensing system.

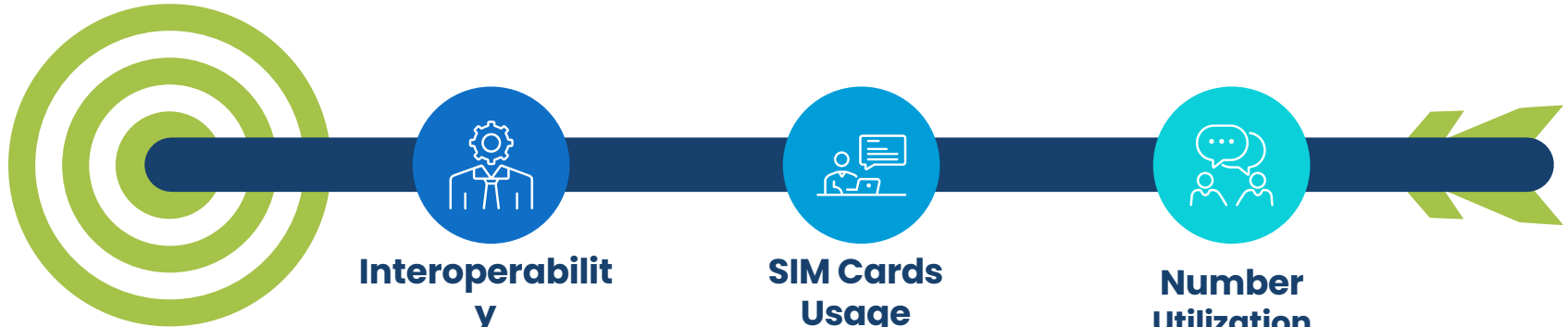## Assignment is on annual basis.

M2M numbers are provided in blocks.

4. Trend of Use of IoT / M2M Numbers

5. Regulatory Requirements

Interoperability

Interconnection/interoperability among MNOs.

SIM Cards Usage

- Guided by EPOCA (SIM Card Registration) Regulations, 2020.

- Devices with e-SIM shall be allowed upon approval from the Authority.

Number Utilization

- Submit the utilized subscriber numbers in the assigned M2M/IoT number block.

6. Use Cases of IoT/M2M Numbers

Fleet Management
Fleet control, fleet tracking, stock taking, fuel consumption

Point of Sales
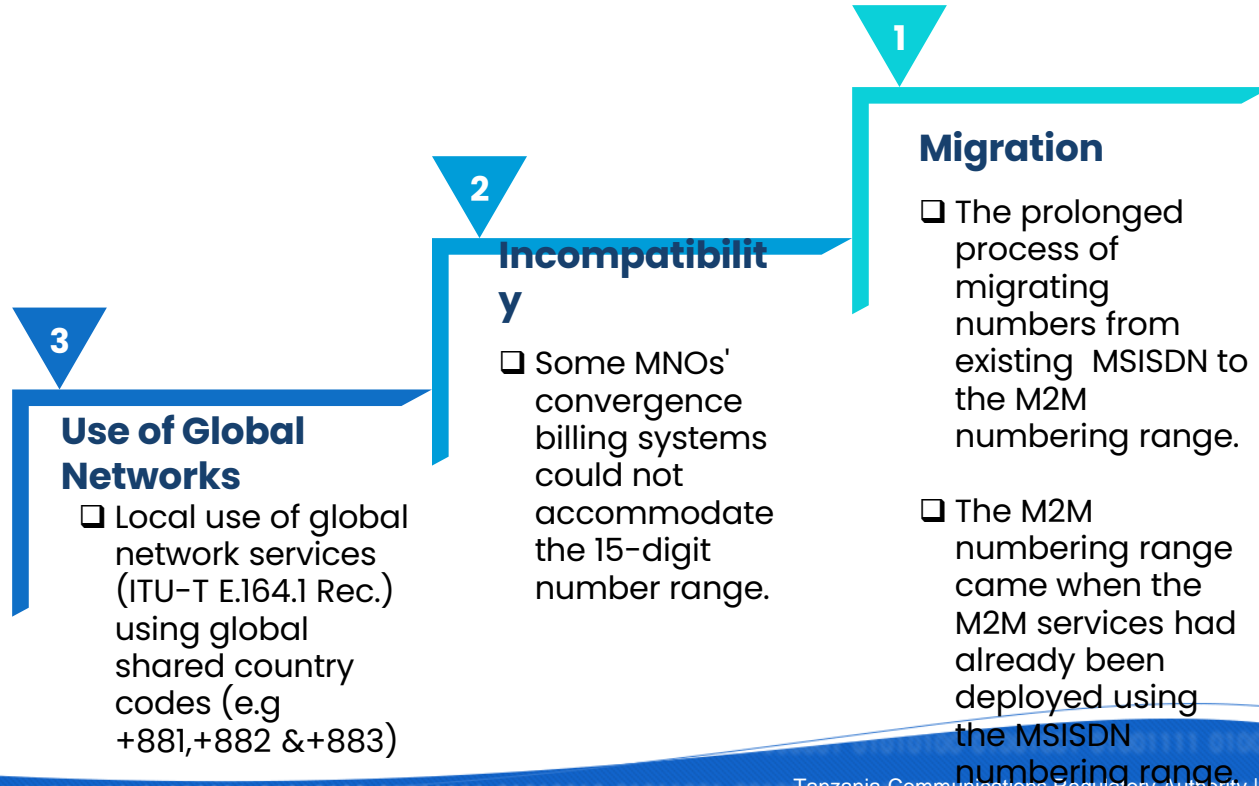Communication in payment terminals such as parking meters and

Security and Surveillance
Communication with security gadgets such as gate controllers, motion

7. Challenges Observed

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Use of Global Networks
- ❏ Local use of global network services (ITU-T E.164.1 Rec.) using global shared country codes (e.g +881,+882 &+883)

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Incompatibility
- ❏ Some MNOs' convergence billing systems could not accommodate the 15-digit number range.

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Migration
- ❏ The prolonged process of migrating numbers from existing MSISDN to the M2M numbering range.

- ❏ The M2M numbering range came when the M2M services had already been deployed using the MSISDN numbering range.

8. Future Existence of M2M/IoT Numbers

Food for though!!

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Will Internet addresses become alternative numbers for M2M/IoT numbering Plan?

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