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TO: Heads of Public Bodies
Digital Transformation Officers of Public Bodies

FROM: Secretary, Department of Information & Communication Technology

SUBJECT: 2023 DIGITAL GOVERNMENT DELIVERY WORKSHOP -
TRANSFORMING PNG: DIGITAL HORIZONS AND
PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

We are delighted to extend an official invitation to you to attend the 2023 Digital Government Delivery Workshop. This event, themed "**Transforming PNG: Digital Horizons and Public Service Excellence**," promises to be a pivotal moment in our shared journey toward realizing the full potential of digital transformation in Papua New Guinea.

The workshop will be held on **November 22nd – 24th, 2023 at the APEC Haus, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.**

This workshop is organized by the Government of PNG through the Department of Information & Communication Technology (DICT), in collaboration with key government departments and in partnership with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), and is designed to explore the transformative potential of digital government in achieving our national goals and Vision 2050.

Digital transformation is central to enhancing government efficiency, citizen services, business excellence, and individual empowerment. Acknowledging the transformative power of digital technologies, we adopted a comprehensive 'Digital Transformation Policy' in 2020. Subsequently, the DICT was established to lead and coordinate our nation's digital transformation efforts.

In 2022, a significant milestone was achieved when the National Parliament enacted the Digital Government Act (2022), charting our course towards holistic and whole-of-government digitalization.

The recently unveiled Medium-Term Development Plan IV 2023-2027 outlines Strategic Priority Areas (SPAs) focusing on digital infrastructure, cybersecurity, and connectivity, all aimed at driving economic growth and improving the quality of life for our citizens. Aligned with PNG's MTDP IV and the Digital Government Act 2022, the Government is progressing towards the execution phase of the digital transformation of public services.

Heads of public bodies and their Digital Transformation Officers (DTOs) play a central role in the realization of digital government. To provide guidance and insights, we have designed a comprehensive three-day workshop. This event offers an in-depth exploration of the technology stack delivery approach and how to align your respective deliverables with this framework. Each session delves into the technology stack delivery approach to help you understand the expectations placed on public body heads and DTOs concerning alignment with this framework.

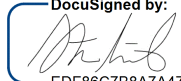
The workshop aims to empower the leaders of public bodies with strategic insights while equipping DTOs with the necessary tools and knowledge for operational excellence. Through these efforts, we aim to pave the way for a successful, integrated, and prosperous digital future for our nation.

The workshop will adopt a dynamic and interactive approach to ensure effective engagement. This will include keynote addresses, interactive sessions, hands-on workshops, and feedback channels, allowing you to contribute your thoughts and insights.

To confirm your attendance, please make your reservation by contacting **Ms. Jean Korup** at jean.korup@ict.gov.pg, or **Ms. Valisha Pala** at valisha.cook@ict.gov.pg. Alternatively, you can visit the department's official website: www.ict.gov.pg, and the registration link <https://www.ict.gov.pg/digital-government-delivery-workshop/> to register.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2023 Digital Government Delivery Workshop. Together, we will shape the digital future of Papua New Guinea.

Sincerely

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Secretary

Attachment: 1. Concept Note
 2. Draft Program
 3. GoPNG Technology Stack