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PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO PARTICIPATE AT THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE 2022

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The Ministry for ICT is tasked by the Head of State to participate on behalf of Papua New Guinea in various decision-making processes at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 (PP-22) in Bucharest, Romania commencing 26th September 2022.

The ITU PP-22 activities cover the following:

- Sets the Union's general policies
- Adopts four-year strategic and financial plans, and
- Elects the senior management team, member states of the council, and the members of the radio regulations board.

The Ministry will be supporting 23 common proposals (modified and new) that are being put forward to the Conferences. Notable proposals include:

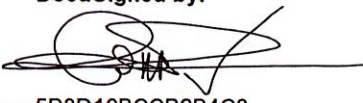
- Admission of sector members from developing countries to participate in the work of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector and the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector
- Adoption of IPv6 and to facilitate the transitions from IPv4 to IPv6
- Assisting member states to combat and deter mobile device theft
- Facilitating of Internet of Things and smart sustainable cities and communities
- ITU's Role in Child Online Protection

While participating at the PP-22, the Ministry has arranged to meet with Apple Inc, SpaceX, and various bilateral partners to negotiate support through the ITU for adoption of technologies and development projects suited for developing countries such as Papua New Guinea.

The Ministry for ICT Team is led by Hon. Timothy Masiu, MP, and consists of heads from the National ICT Authority and the Department of ICT.

All proposals being put forward by Papua New Guinea is made available to stakeholders and the public at www.nicta.gov.pg

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Note: The ITU is an agency of the United Nations whose purpose is to coordinate telecommunications operations and services throughout the world. Originally founded in 1865, as the International Telegraph Union. ITU was founded on the principle of co-operation between governments and the private sector and has led to a rather unique process of decision and 'law-making' that is rare and unparalleled within the wider UN family, the ITU is the oldest existing international organization. The National ICT Authority is assigned as the focal point for Papua New Guinea.