

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

BETWEEN

**THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY, GOVERNMENT OF
PAPUA NEW GUINEA**



AND

DATEC (PNG) LIMITED.



REGARDING THE

**MUTUAL COOPERATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

The Memorandum of Understanding is made on the 8 of May 2026

BETWEEN: Department of Information and Communications Technology, located at Level 2, TISA Ruma Hohola (Islander Drive) Building, of PO Box 784 Vision City, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea (hereinafter referred to as "DICT").

AND Datec (PNG) Limited, located at Datec Compound, Ahuia Street, Poreporena Freeway, PO Box 504, Port Moresby, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea (hereinafter referred to as "Datec").

(hereinafter referred to individually as a "Participant" and collectively as "Participants")

RECITALS

- A. **WHEREAS**, DICT is mandated under *Digital Government Act 2022* to provide for digital government using information and communications technologies; to provide policy and legislative directives and enable the streamlining, planning, coordination, development and implementation across the whole of digital infrastructure, digital skills and all other aspects of digital government.
- B. **WHEREAS**, Datec is a subsidiary of Telikom PNG Limited, the PNG Government State Own Entity that provides comprehensive ICT solutions and services to both public and private sector clients. Its core business functions include the supply and maintenance of IT hardware and software, systems integration, cloud and data center services, network infrastructure design and implementation, cybersecurity solutions, and ICT training and capacity building.
- C. **WHEREAS**, DICT is expected to allocate and/or provide funding and regulatory support, national digital infrastructure, and local implementation capacity to enable digital infrastructure services to be deployed, tested and scaled securely across the government.
- D. **WHEREAS**, Datec is expected to supply digital infrastructure services, and provide avenues for capacity building programs that can enhance service delivery and skilled workforce; and
- E. **CONSIDERING** their mutual interest in promoting cooperation in timely supply of digital infrastructural services.
- F. **DESIRING** to expand and to intensify cooperation in enhancing and improving professional skilled based short-term capacity building academic and internships programs for DICT staff and Datec students.

PURSUANT to prevailing laws and regulations, as well as the procedures and policies concerning cooperation in PNG and international best practice.

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH 1. PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishes a strategic collaboration between the Participants, to advance the national digital transformation agenda through reliable supply of digital infrastructure services and capacity building programs for the people and Government of Papua New Guinea.

PARAGRAPH 2 OBJECTIVES

Under this MoU, the Participants intend to:

1. Establish an understanding for mutual collaboration to supply and access the Digital Infrastructure Services.
2. Express their continuous intention to provide avenues for capacity building programs and technical assistance for research, innovation and development related purposes.
3. To share cost, resources, expertise and information during the tenure of this MoU

PARAGRAPH 3. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Participants agree to collaborate in the following areas:

3.1. Digital Infrastructure Development and Services

- Supply, installation, and maintenance of ICT software systems.
- Data center support services for Data Redundant.
- Collaboration on the development of national digital infrastructure frameworks and standards.

3.2. Capacity Building and Human Resource Development

- Provide Short Term Professional training programs to DICT and General Public Servants.
- Provide students with an internship program as and when projects require
- Promotion of innovation, research, and digital skills development aligned with PNG's Digital Government Plan 2023–2027.

3.3. Project Implementation and Support

- Joint design and delivery of ICT projects under a Master Services Agreement (MSA).

- Coordination in project management, resource allocation, and progress monitoring.
- Collaboration in ensuring adherence to digital standards, quality, and performance indicators.

PARAGRAPH 4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1. Datec may:

a. Datec Learning Centre.

- Deliver tailored ICT training, workshops, and certification programs for DICT staff and public service personnel.
- Offer internship placements and training opportunities for Datec Academy students within DICT as and when projects are required.

b. Internet and Data Centre.

- Provide systems integration, cloud and data center services, and cybersecurity solutions to DICT and its agencies.
- Ensure all services and activities adhere to quality assurance, data protection, and cybersecurity standards.

c. Datec Retail.

- Provide timely supply of ICT software, and digital infrastructure systems as agreed.

d. ICT Products and Services

- Support DICT's digital transformation agenda through technical assistance and advisory.
- Participate in joint project planning, implementation, and reporting as part of the Joint Steering Committee.

4.2. DICT may:

- Provide policy direction, regulatory support, and facilitate coordination;
- Facilitate access to national digital platforms and infrastructure for joint projects;
- Allocate or source funding to Datec for supply of ICT software services;
- Identify priority areas and nominate DICT staff for capacity-building programs;

- Endorse and support implementation of Datec-delivered ICT solutions across government entities;
- Monitor and evaluate performance and impact of collaborative programs under this MoU; and
- Facilitate the Joint Steering Committee and provide oversight for policy compliance and alignment with the Digital Government Act 2022.

PARAGRAPH 5 GOVERNANCE AND COORDINATION

- 5.1.** A Joint Steering Committee is to be formed within 30 days of signing this MoU, comprising representatives from both Participants.

The Joint Steering Committee will:

- Define annual work plans and performance milestones;
- Review progress quarterly and approve implementation updates; and
- Recommend strategic initiatives and funding priorities.

PARAGRAPH 6 FUNDING

- 6.1.** All activities for the areas of cooperation under Paragraph 3 of this MoU are to be subject to the availability of funds and other resources of the Participants.
- 6.2.** The cost of cooperative activities are to be shared by the Participants in a manner to be mutually approved and agreed to in writing by both participants.
- 6.3.** Should any activity require additional payment, a separate Service Level Agreement (SLA) or contract may be facilitated to define the funding, deliverables, and terms of such activity.

PARAGRAPH 7 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Should intellectual property rights arise out of, or in relation to any Paragraph or activity under this MoU, the percentage and allocation of ownership of these rights are to be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Participants, consistent with the applicable laws of Papua New Guinea.

PARAGRAPH 8
CONFIDENTIALITY

- 7.1. Both Participants agree and acknowledge that under this MoU, any information or intelligence exchanged by the Participants remains confidential and is subject to strict controls or safeguard to ensures that it is only used in an authorized manner.
- 7.2. The Participants also agree and acknowledge that the confidentiality of exchanged information and intelligence will be protected to the same extent as provided by the regulating legislation and policies and procedures of the receiving agency.

PARAGRAPH 9
ENTRY INTO FORCE, RENEWAL, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

- 8.1. This MoU will enter into effect on the date of the last signature and remain valid for three (3) years, unless terminated earlier by mutual agreement or upon written notice of ninety (90) days by either Participant.
- 8.2. This MoU may be amended at any time in writing by the written agreement of the Participants. The Participant intending to amend this MoU will provide the other with a written notice of the nature of the amendment. Any mutually agreed amendment will not affect current programs, until the completion of said programs, unless agreed otherwise in writing between the Participants.
- 8.3. This MoU may be terminated by either of the Participants at any time, provided the Participant intending to terminate the MOU gives notice in writing, (6) six months in advance, to the other Participant.
- 8.4. Termination of the MoU will not affect current programs, until the completion of said programs, unless agreed otherwise in writing between the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 10
NON-BINDING NATURE

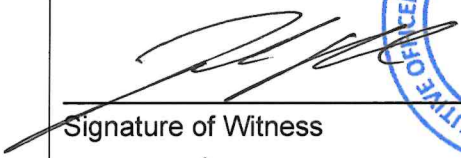
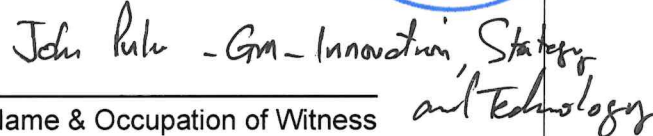
This MoU is not legally binding but expresses the intent of the Participants to collaborate in good faith and to explore potential binding agreements as projects are defined and approved. It is not intended to create legal rights or obligations under domestic or international law, and will not give rise to any legal process and will not be deemed to constitute or create legally binding or enforceable rights or obligations.

PARAGRAPH 11
DISPUTE RESOLUTION

If there are any disputes between the Participants concerning this MoU, the Participants will endeavor to amicably resolve the dispute through consultation.

PARAGRAPH 12 AUTHORIZATION AND EXECUTION

This MoU will be signed by the **PAPUA NEW GUINEA DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY** and **DATEC (PNG) LIMITED** and will commence on the date written above.

The COMMON SEAL OF PNG DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY is hereunto affixed by authority of its Board in the presence of  _____ Steven Matanaho, Secretary  _____ Signature of Witness  _____ Name & Occupation of Witness DEPUTY SECRETARY 	The COMMON SEAL OF DATEC (PNG) LIMITED is hereunto affixed by authority of its Board in the presence of  _____ Preetam Talukdar, CEO  _____ Signature of Witness  _____ Name & Occupation of Witness John Rulu - GM - Innovation, Strategy and Technology 
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