

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

PNG Ministry of Information and Communication Technology

and the

**ABG Ministry of Technical Services, Transport and Civil
Aviation**

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This Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 24th August 2021

Between

The PNG Ministry of Information and Communication Technology and
the ABG Ministry of Technical Services, Transport and Civil Aviation

Whereas the Parties consisting of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea through the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology (hereafter referred to as “**MICT**”) and the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) through the Ministry of Technical Services, Transport and Civil Aviation (hereafter referred to as “**MTS**”) have agreed, based on discussions between the representatives of the two Parties on 23rd August 2021 at the Office of the MICT at Downtown, Port Moresby, to sign this general Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) spelling out the key principles and components of a collaborative partnership.

Consistent with the titles and responsibilities of the Minister for Information and Communications Technology as determined by the Prime Minister through National Gazette No. G920, the Sharp Agreement of 13th May 2021, and National Executive Council Decision No. 101/2021 in relation to the PNG Government Information & Communication Technology Sector Infrastructure and Services Development Support Plan 2021-2024 for the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, the MICT and the MTS agree to advance these common goals and aspirations.

Under this MoU, the Parties agree that:

1. Commencing upon the date of the signing of this MoU and concluding 31st December 2024, MICT and the Department of ICT (DICT) and the National Information and Communication Technology Authority (NICTA) and the National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) will jointly or severally provide financial, staffing and technical assistance and support to MTS and the ABG Department of Technical Services, Transport and Civil Aviation (DTS) to audit ICT infrastructure and manpower and other considerations on AROB, and develop, and implement a Support Plan approved by both the MICT and the MTS.
2. The DICT, NICTA and NBC will provide appropriate technical assistance to the DTS in the initial audit.
3. The DICT, NICTA, NBC and DTS will jointly evaluate the findings of the audit and consider seeking financial support from GoPNG, as well as through other bilateral and multilateral partners like Australia, to address them.
4. The Parties may co-opt other Departments and/or Agencies or State-owned Enterprises as the need arises, after both Parties agree in writing.

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5. The MTS and DTS will assist the MICT, DICT, NICTA and NBC secure security, accommodation and office space, transportation and other logistics support on the ground in AROB consistent with standard GoPNG rates and regulations and each of these support services may be subject of a separate agreement.
6. Contingency planning for personal emergencies including emergency medical evacuations, security support, and search and rescue or search and extraction and similar contingent situations will be subject of a separate agreement to be signed between the DTS and DICT, NICTA, and NBC and third-parties approved by the Parties.
7. The Parties agree to assess the partnership and collaboration after every 12 calendar months, and make necessary adjustments or improvements on any future areas of partnership.
8. The Parties hereby designate the following focal points for all purposes of this MOU:

MICT Representative and Address

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MTS Representative and Address

Name:	Sione Pa'asia
Position:	Acting Secretary Department of Technical Services
Address:	P O Box 322 BUKA Autonomous Region of Bougainville
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The respective focal points will be responsible for:

- Coordinating with their respective Ministry and Agencies in order to establish effective communication and liaisons with the other focal point;
- Developing and revising the work program to enhance the scope and depth of the partnership;
- Providing effective coordination of the implementation of this MOU;
- Reporting on and promoting this MOU and the cooperation activities undertaken under it;
- Convening periodic consultations about the MOU; and
- Monitoring the performance of the MOU.

Each Party may, by prior written notice to the other Party, substitute other focal points for those designated herein above or designate additional focal points.

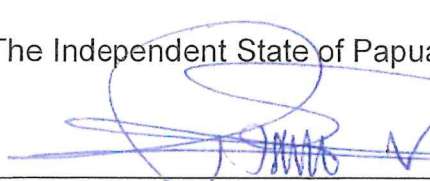
9. Either party may terminate this MoU by giving three (3) months' advance notice in writing to the other party.
10. Any amendment, termination or expiration of this MoU will not affect the terms of activities ongoing at the time of notification of amendment, termination, or expiration unless otherwise agreed upon by the two parties.
11. The Parties agree to consult with each other to resolve disputes or misunderstandings that may arise in the implementation of this MoU or any subsequent associated agreements.
12. The two parties agree that subsequent to the signing of this MOU, MICT and MTS will work through their respective Departmental Heads and Sector Agencies to jointly develop detailed agreements to support the project activities outlined above, as well as explore other areas of collaboration that are appropriately and mutually agreed to.

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EXECUTED for and on behalf of:

Date:


The Independent State of Papua New Guinea by:


Hon. Timothy Masiu, MP
Minister for Information and Communication Technology
And Member for South Bougainville



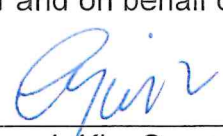
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SIGNED for and on behalf of the Autonomous Bougainville Government:


Hon. Dr. Joseph Kim Suwamaru, PhD, MHR
Minister for Technical Service, Transport and Civil Aviation
Autonomous Bougainville Government

Date:

Witnessed by:

