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TO: ALL PUBLIC BODIES
ALL STAKEHOLDERS
ALL PARTNERS

DATE: 6TH AUGUST 2024

SUBJECT: DEFERRAL OF THE DIGITAL GOVERNMENT SUMMIT 2024

These circular serves to inform you of an important update regarding the scheduling of the Digital Government Summit 2024. After careful consideration and consultation with the Minister, we have decided to defer the summit from its original dates of **12th-14th August 2024** to **11th-13th September 2024**.

New Schedule and Rationale

- **Revised Dates:** 11th - 13th September 2024
- **Reason for Deferral:**
 - **Strategic Launch of Key Initiatives:** The new schedule allows us to align the summit with the official launch of several significant government projects, including the **eGov Portal Version 2**, **Govamani TokTok**, and the **DICT Corporate Plan 2024-2027**. These initiatives are essential milestones in our digital transformation journey, and their introduction at the summit will provide a comprehensive view of our future direction.
 - **Coinciding with Independence Celebrations:** Hosting the summit in September enables us to celebrate our nation's Independence, offering an opportunity to reflect on both our past achievements and our future goals.

- **Enhanced Leadership Engagement:** The revised dates accommodate the schedules of our Minister and the Prime Minister, ensuring their active participation and support during these critical proceedings.

Program Details

- **Venue:** Venue remains ~~(APEC Haus)~~ ^{TBA}
- **Program and Presenters:** All program elements, including the lineup of presenters, will remain unchanged. The summit will feature insightful discussions and presentations aimed at exploring the future of digital governance and technological advancements across our nation.

Key Events to be Launched

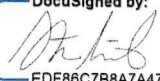
1. **eGov Portal Version 2:** Introducing multiple new services such as:
 - **Digital ID & Wallet**
 - **Payment Solutions**
 - **Messaging Services**
 - **Online Services**
 - **e-Statement of Results**
 - **e-Registration of Health Workers**
 - **e-Police Clearance Certificate**
 - **e-Common Roll Registration**
 - **e-Voting Capability**
 - **e-Water Bill Management System**
 - **e-Power Bill Management System**
2. **Govamani TokTok:** A revival of the historic **Gavamani Sivarai** newspaper, designed to serve as a cutting-edge communication platform that enhances citizen engagement and transparency in government operations.
3. **DICT Corporate Plan 2024-2027:** Our strategic framework outlining the department's vision, priorities, and goals for the next four years, driving our digital transformation agenda forward.

Please be assured that, aside from the date adjustment, all organizational and logistical arrangements for the summit remain consistent. Our commitment to delivering a best summit experience is unwavering, and we continue to ensure that every detail aligns with our objectives.

We sincerely apologize for any inconveniences this change may cause and appreciate your understanding and flexibility. We look forward to working closely with you and your teams to ensure your logistical arrangements uninterrupted.

Your support and engagement are invaluable to the success of this summit and our broader digital governance initiatives. We look forward to welcoming you in September, where your contributions will be integral to shaping the future of digital governance in Papua New Guinea.

Yours sincerely,

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