



DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY
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Deferral of the Digital Transformation Summit 2024

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Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea – The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) wishes to announce the deferral of the Digital Transformation Summit, originally scheduled for 11th to 13th September 2024. The summit has now been rescheduled to take place from 1st to 4th October 2024 at the Stanley Hotel, Kokoda Ballroom.

This decision was made following careful consideration of several factors that could significantly impact the success of the event. Among the primary reasons for this deferral are the scheduling conflicts posed by the upcoming Parliament sitting, set to take place next week Thursday, which coincides with our original summit dates. The planned attendance of our distinguished guest, the Prime Minister, during this period further compounded the issue.


Additionally, the visit of His Holiness, Pope Francis, during the same timeframe has introduced further complexities, drawing national attention and necessitating the allocation of substantial resources. These developments have presented unforeseen challenges, particularly concerning the security and commitment of key stakeholders. As a result, the Department has determined that rescheduling the summit is in the best interest of all involved.

The additional time before the rescheduled summit will also allow for the completion of critical User Acceptance Testing (UAT) for the eGov Portal. This testing phase is essential to ensure that the digital services to be showcased at the summit meet the highest standards of quality and functionality. Furthermore, the deferral provides an opportunity to finalize key agreements with Kumul Consolidated Holdings (KCH) and its subsidiaries, which are integral to our ongoing digital government initiatives.

While we recognize that this deferral may be disappointing to our participants and stakeholders, we are confident that the rescheduled dates will result in a more secure, productive, and impactful event.

We appreciate the understanding and continued support of all our partners and stakeholders during this period of adjustment. Further details and updates regarding the summit will be communicated in due course.

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