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PRESS STATEMENT

On the Outcomes of the Digital Transformation Summit 2025 (DTS25)

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The Ministry for Information and Communications Technology is proud to announce the successful completion of the Digital Transformation Summit 2025 (DTS25), held from 24–27 November at the Stanley Hotel in Port Moresby. This year's Summit achieved a **record-breaking attendance of just over 1,300 participants** — making it the largest digital policy and innovation gathering ever hosted in Papua New Guinea and for that matter within the Pacific Region.

DTS25 brought together national leaders, global technology companies, academia, development partners, youth innovators, and the private sector in a powerful show of unity, purpose, and ambition for PNG's digital future. Over four days, the Summit demonstrated that Papua New Guinea is not only catching up — we are taking our place as a digital leader in the Pacific.

A central highlight of DTS25 was the historic **public launch of the SevisPNG Digital Public Infrastructure Ecosystem**, comprising:

- SevisPass – Papua New Guinea's Digital ID
- SevisDEx – The National Secure Data Exchange Platform
- SevisWallet – PNG's new Digital Wallet for identity credentials and future payment

These platforms, backed by NEC Decision No. 183/2025 and the Digital Government Act 2022, mark the beginning of a new digital era, where every citizen will soon have the ability to identify themselves securely, access services digitally, and participate in the modern economy.

International technology publications — including *BiometricUpdate*, *MobileIDWorld*, *IDTechWire*, and *Tech5 Global* — have already recognised PNG's achievement, describing SevisPass as the Pacific's first decentralised digital public infrastructure ecosystem. This recognition places Papua New Guinea firmly on the global stage.

DTS25 successfully attracted major technology companies such as Amazon Web Services, Oracle Cloud, Google, SpaceX, Astranis, CyberCX, MuleSoft, and Huawei Cloud, alongside local and regional innovators.

Key partnership outcomes include:

- MoU with the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) to advance Bougainville's digital government agenda
- MiBank-DICT partnership enabling SevisPass-powered e-KYC, unlocking major gains for digital financial inclusion

The engagement from development partners — including The World Bank, ADB, UNDP, UNFPA, ITU, and the Australian Government — demonstrates the growing international confidence in PNG's digital transformation direction.

Day 3 of the Summit, dedicated to FutureGen Inclusion & Immersion, was a resounding success. Activities included:

- A nationwide CODM Esports Tournament
- Interactive coding sessions with Oracle and PNG ICT Cluster
- A high-energy Hackathon and Ideathon
- Digital literacy and online safety programs with Meta, NICTA, DICT, and partners
- Inspire Talks from leading PNG content creators and digital entrepreneurs

The message is clear: our young people are not the audience — they are the architects of PNG's digital future.

DTS25 featured high-level discussions on:

- Digital governance and national coordination
- National Cyber Resilience and CERT development
- Critical infrastructure and connectivity
- Cloud and data centre frameworks for secure hosting
- Microsoft 365 rollout across government
- Digital Government Standards and compliance training for all DTOs

A dedicated meeting of Digital Transformation Officers (DTOs) reinforced their crucial role in driving whole-of-government digital adoption, ensuring consistency, security, and compliance.

These interventions lay the foundation for a trusted, secure, and intelligent digital state.

DTS25 has confirmed that Papua New Guinea is ready to shift from planning to delivery, supported by world-class technology and strong national leadership. With over 1,300 participants — a milestone in PNG's ICT history — the momentum is now clear: our nation recognises that digital transformation is essential for economic growth, transparency, service delivery, and national unity.

As Acting Minister for ICT, I am pleased to announce that the Digital Transformation Summit (DTS) brand will now be institutionalised. Beginning in 2026, PNG will introduce:

- Annual Digital Transformation Summit Reports — documenting progress, targets, and accountability
- Annual DTS Summits — as the central convening platform for government, industry, academia, and youth

This ensures that DTS is a national institution, guiding the country's digital development for decades to come. On behalf of the Ministry, I acknowledge:

- Prime Minister Hon. James Marape for his leadership and vision,
- All participating Ministers, Governors, Members of Parliament, and agency heads,
- Our global and local technology partners,
- The youth and innovators who brought energy and purpose to the Summit,
- And most importantly, the dedicated staff of DICT whose tireless work made DTS25 a national success.

It has shown that when our people, our institutions, and our partners come together, we can build a digital nation that is secure, inclusive, and globally competitive.

Let us now convert this momentum into action — and deliver a smarter, safer, more connected Papua New Guinea for the next 50 years.

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