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### MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

#### **PRESS STATEMENT**

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#### **RELEASE OF DRAFT PNG GOVERNMENT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ADOPTION FRAMEWORK FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

I am pleased to announce the forthcoming release of the **Draft PNG Government Artificial Intelligence Adoption Framework:  $DG \times DPI \wedge AI$**  (hereby referred to as 'Draft Framework') for public consultation.

The Draft Framework will be published on **27 February 2026** at [www.ict.gov.pg](http://www.ict.gov.pg).

This initiative gives effect to the Prime Minister's Directives and the Government's strengthened intent to ensure Artificial Intelligence (AI) is adopted across the public sector in a coordinated, safe, and nationally aligned manner.

AI is rapidly moving from experimentation to mainstream deployment. Without a clear national framework, adoption risks becoming inconsistent across agencies -resulting in fragmented solutions, duplicative investment, and variable standards for security, privacy, and accountability.

#### **What $DG \times DPI \wedge AI$ Means**

The heading  **$DG \times DPI \wedge AI$**  expresses the Government's adoption logic and intent:

- **DG (Digital Government)** is the outcome-modern, efficient, citizen-centred public services and improved public administration.
- **DPI (Digital Public Infrastructure)** is the foundation-reusable and interoperable digital "rails" that enable secure identity, trusted data exchange, and scalable service delivery across government.
- **$\wedge AI$  ("to the power of AI")** signals acceleration-AI will be adopted deliberately to exponentially uplift and accelerate the Digital Government agenda when applied on top of strong DPI foundations, rather than deployed as isolated tools.

Accordingly, the Draft Framework sets national direction on governance, architecture, and implementation pathways for AI, including a layered and modular approach across priority use cases-while reinforcing accountability, security, public trust, and sovereign control.

The Draft Framework also provides for a governance and accountability framework, including consideration of an **AI Taskforce**, and calls for the development of an '*Artificial Intelligence legislative framework*' to support implementation.

Importantly, once finalised and endorsed, this Framework will set the national tone and rapidly drive the adoption of AI across the whole of Government, ensuring agencies move with shared standards, shared foundations, and a common implementation direction.

I invite public sector agencies, industry, academia, civil society, and development partners to review the Draft Framework and provide feedback through the consultation process to be published at [www.ict.gov.pg](http://www.ict.gov.pg).

*Approved for Release*



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