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TANZANIA RECOGNISED BY INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU) ON WSIS GOALS IMPLEMENTATION

Tanzania was awarded a certificate of recognition by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) on 26th October 2011 during the ITU Telecom World 2011 held in Geneva from 24th – 27th October 2011. The ITU recognized the commitment of Tanzania towards strengthening the Implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Related Activities and by contributing to the ITUs WSIS Fund Trust.



The ITU Deputy Secretary General, Mr Houlin Zhao (Left), grants Prof. John Nkoma, Director General TCRA a Certificate of Recognition for Tanzania's role in the WSIS. TCRA represents Tanzania in the ITU

The **citation** of the **recognition** reads:

The International Telecommunications Union

Recognizes

The United Republic of Tanzania

For

Commitment towards strengthening the implementation of WSIS Related Activities and contribution to the WSIS Trust Fund of ITU for 2011

WSIS emerged as a result of the UN system endorsement for a global summit on ICT issues. Led by the ITU, several other agencies were involved such as UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, WHO, the World bank and others. The first phase of WSIS was held in Geneva during 10 – 12 December 2003, and the second phase held in Tunis during 16 – 18 November 2005. WSIS Plan of Action includes the following eleven action lines:

- C.1. The role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development.
- C.2. Information and communication infrastructure
- C.3. Access to Information and Knowledge
- C.4. Capacity Building
- C.5. Building Confidence and Security in the use of ICTs
- C.6. Enabling Environment
- C.7. ICT Applications;-
 - E- Government
 - E-Business
 - E-Learning
 - E-Health
 - E- Employment
 - E- Environment
 - E- Agriculture
 - E-Science
- C.8 Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
- C.9 Media
- C.10 Ethical dimensions of the information society
- C.11 International and regional Cooperation

Some of the Tanzania's achievements in relation to implementation of the WSIS Action Lines include:

- Availability of appropriate Policies, Legislations and Regulations in the Communications sector
- Management of Interconnection rates through Determination No. 1 of 2004 and Determination No. 2 of 2007
- The Converged Licensing Framework introduced in 2005
- Management of competition in the communications sector
- Mobile Networks and growth of SIM Cards from less than 100,000 in 2000 to 22 million in 2011
- Introduction of Mobile applications such as internet availability, money transfer, electronic payments and many others
- Spectrum management
- Introduction of inclusive National Numbering Plan
- Landing of submarine cables, SEACOM in July 2009 and EASSY in 2010.
- Construction of the terrestrial national optical fibre cable linking Tanzania with neighbouring countries: Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique
- Deployment of strategically distributed Internet Exchange Points (IXPs)
- Establishment of tzNIC, the country's registry for .tz domain names
- Management of Analogue to Digital Broadcasting
- Introduction of Postcode system
- Establishment of Universal Communications Access Fund (UCAF) to promote rural connectivity

Tanzania, through TCRA, acknowledges the recognition by the ITU. TCRA shall therefore continue facilitating and playing its coordination role on the implementation of WSIS Action Lines, through its strategic goal, which is to enhance the welfare of Tanzanians through effective and efficient regulatory framework that ensures universal access to communications.

***Issued by:
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