

# **MINISTRY OF REGIONAL COOPERATION AND NEPAD**

## **ICT POLICY STATEMENT**

### **PREAMBLE**

The Government recognizes the importance of ICTs to the operations and activities of the Civil and Public Services. Therefore, the government is committed to the modernization of the Civil and Public Services to facilitate reduction in administration cost, effectiveness and efficiency in service delivery.

This ICT Policy Statement is designed to guide the process of deploying and exploiting ICTs within the Ministry of Regional Cooperation and NEPAD to support its organizational activities and operations within the framework of the national ICT4AD Vision. The Ministry is responsible for the coordination and implementation of regional protocols, programmes and facilitating the opening up of the sub-regional market to Ghana's industry.

### **VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF REGIONAL COOPERATION AND NEPAD**

#### **VISION STATEMENT:**

An enhanced political, social and economic well-being of Ghanaians through Regional Cooperation and NEPAD

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To coordinate and oversee the implementation of Regional Protocols, Agreement, Conventions, Programmes and Projects in the country in harmony with national development policies and to promote adherence to the principles of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) in the governance of the country.

### **STRATEGIES FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF STATED MISSION**

The Ministry is committed to the implementation of the following broad strategies towards the attainment of the mission for the realisation of its Vision. These are to:

- ❖ Maximize benefits of Ghana's participation in the Regional Integration Process
- ❖ Popularise and create ownership among the public and civil society of the principles of NEPAD.
- ❖ Institutionalise the African Peer Review Mechanism in Ghana
- ❖ Create awareness of ECOWAS activities and inculcate the community spirit among the public in general and school children in particular
- ❖ Ensure effective management of Regional Cooperation and Integration programmes
- ❖ Reduce poverty through regional trade and investment
- ❖ Promote political tolerance, stability, security and peace in the ECOWAS

### **ICT DEPLOYMENT AND EXPLOITATION POLICY GOALS**

The following ICT policy goals will be implemented to facilitate the operations of the Ministry. The goals are:

- ❖ Improve access to information on government's efforts at Regional Integration activities through the deployment and use of ICTs.
- ❖ Use ICT to monitor Ghana's performance in the achievement of the objectives of NEPAD and the ECOWAS.

- ❖ Deploy ICT to improve management and delivery of regional policies in a cost effective and timely manner.
- ❖ Use ICTs to monitor Regional Integration activities of other countries in Africa to ensure the achievement of the objectives of the Ministry, ECOWAS and the African Union.
- ❖ Deploy ICTs to monitor the implementation of NEPAD's protocols in member countries for the mutual benefit of Ghanaians and other citizens of ECOWAS member countries.
- ❖ Use ICTs to provide better access and dissemination of information on NEPAD and other critical information that would facilitate African Integration.

## **ICT DEPLOYMENT AND EXPLOITATION COMMITMENTS**

The Ministry is committed to the deployment and exploitation of ICTs to achieve its vision and mission. Key areas of commitment are:

- ❖ Improving access to information on Government's efforts at regional integration and government's activities in the sub-region by setting up an ICT based ECOWAS and NEPAD Information and Documentation Centre in the Ministry.
- ❖ Establishment of a Website
- ❖ Development and deployment of software and network systems that will facilitate communication with the ECOWAS Secretariat, the Africa Union, the NEPAD Secretariat and other regional bodies and to interact with the public.

## **THE FOCUS OF THE ICT PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND NEPAD**

- ❖ A major focus of the ICT programme will be training of staff to be highly skilful in the software to be introduced to facilitate the management and delivery of policies of the Ministry.

- ❖ Another major focus of the ICT programme is to make access to information on the Ministry and its activities by both staff and public easy while at the same time maintaining the security and integrity of the information network.