

THE MINISTRY OF PORTS, HARBOURS AND RAILWAYS

ICT POLICY STATEMENT

PREAMBLE

In relation to the Civil and Public service, the deployment and exploitation of ICTs become cardinal to support the operations and activities of the service. Therefore government is committed to the modernization of the Civil and Public sector to bolster the reduction of administrative cost and promote effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of government services to the people.

The Ministry of Ports, Harbours and Railways has the mandate to develop these important transport facilities to facilitate the socio-economic development of the country as well as make Ghana an important transport hub in West Africa.

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY OF PORTS, HARBOURS AND RAILWAYS

VISION

To develop a high quality and economic inter-modal and multi-modal transportation system that exploits the advantages of the rail, inland waterways and port systems within the next decade.

MISSION

- To ensure the provision of an efficient, safe, economic and reliable movement of goods and people using the rail and maritime transport systems and
- To ensure that rail, inland waterways, ports and harbours contribute significantly toward the socio-economic development of the country.

STRATEGIES FOR ATTAINING THE STATED MISSIONS

The following strategies would be implemented to promote the attainment of the mission as dictated by the vision of the Ministry.

- Facilitate the development of a sustainable national transportation policy and plan.
- Develop plans for a multi-modal and inter-modal transportation system.
- Develop and maintain infrastructure through Public-Private-Partnership schemes.
- Develop safety regulations and standards through the entire sector.
- Ensure that operations, services and the development of infrastructure are carried out in a manner with minimum risk to people, property and the environment
- Carry out planning, co-ordination, review and improvements to ensure that services and facilities at the sector are reliable, competitive and satisfy customers' needs.
- Review and update laws and regulations within the sector.
- Develop a competent and professional transportation workforce to enable the sector serve the challenging and competitive needs of the sector
- Develop and promote transparency and good governance

THE ICT DEPLOYMENT AND EXPLOITATION POLICY GOALS

- To provide training to staff at all levels of computer literacy and other ICTs to enhance their efficiency.
- To deploy and exploit ICTs in the activities of the Ministry, its departments and agencies to bolster the delivery of services timely
- To deploy and exploit ICTs to modernize the operations of the ports, harbours and railways system in the country to achieve higher efficiency.
- To develop ICT-based systems that will facilitate quick and seamless movement of freight and passengers within the country and from the country to other landlocked ECOWAS countries.
- To improve the Management Information Systems of the Ministry and its departments and agencies.

ICT DEPLOYMENT AND EXPLOITATION COMMITMENTS

- The Ministry is committed to providing the necessary infrastructure and enabling environment for its staff to develop skills in ICT.
- The Ministry is committed to ensuring that policies in the sector would be ICT driven.
- The Ministry is committed to ensuring that infrastructure and services within the rail sector are ICT driven to improve quality of service.

- The Ministry is committed to deploying and exploiting ICT to ensure that transit and transshipment are facilitated to promote maritime and international trade.
- The Ministry is committed to the use of ICT in providing safety and security within the facilities of the sector and the services that are provided by the sector.

THE FOCUS OF THE ICT PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF PORTS, HARBOURS AND RAILWAYS

- The Ministry in consultation, and collaboration and cooperation with the relevant MDAs will execute programmes and implement initiatives which are focused at facilitating and ensuring that its mission of providing efficient, economic, reliable and safe movement of goods and persons are achieved through the use and deployment of ICT.
- It will consult, co-operate and collaborate with the relevant stakeholders to implement programmes and initiatives aimed at ensuring that rail, inland waterways, ports and harbours contribute towards the socio-economic development of the country through the exploitation and deployment of ICT.
- In pursuance of its vision to provide high quality economic, inter-modal and multi-modal transportation system that exploits the advantages of rail, inland waterways and port system, it is committed to work with relevant institutions through the use of ICT to achieve its vision within the decade.