



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU
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National ICT Development Committee
Comité national de développement des technologies de
l'information et des communications



01 September 2025

Dear Esteemed Members,

Subject: Invitation to Attend and Participate in the NIDC Meeting – 17 September 2025

As your Prime Minister & Minister responsible for ICT and Chair of the NIDC, I am honoured to invite you to the long waited **NIDC Meeting**, scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, 17 September 2025, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, at the Pacific Ballroom, Warwick Le Lagoon Hotel, Port Vila.**

The NIDC is the highest decision-making authority in the ICT/Telecom sector in Vanuatu. It was established as part of the governance structure to have an overall oversight of the development initiatives in the sector.

Therefore, this convening provides a vital opportunity to deliberate on the implementation and ongoing refinement of our policies and strategic frameworks that are central to our nation's aspirations for sustainable and inclusive development. We will focus on strengthening our **digital infrastructure and connectivity**, recognizing the essential role they play as the bed rock for broadband services for empowering all citizens, residents and businesses in Vanuatu.

Moreover, as we stand on the cusp of rapid advancements in the ICT sector globally, it is imperative that Vanuatu not only keeps pace but actively **embraces and leverages these technological developments**. This will enable us to unlock new opportunities, enhance public services, and drive economic growth aligned with our national vision.

Your insights and expertise as members of this committee are crucial to shaping the direction and success of our digital transformation agenda. I look forward to your valuable contributions during this important meeting as we collectively chart the path forward for Vanuatu's digital future.

Please confirm your attendance at your earliest convenience by [registering here](#). Should you need any further information or assistance, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Jotham Napat (MP)
**Prime Minister and Minister of ICT
Chair of the NIDC**



Enclosed:

1. Draft Agenda - NIDC/01/2025/ADM-01
2. Draft Program - NIDC/01/2025/ADM-02



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Venue: Pacific Ballroom, Warwick Le Lagoon
Port Vila

Draft Agenda

1. NIDC Plenary and Update
2. Telecommunication Sector Update
3. Policy and Strategy Implementation Update
4. Digital Transformation Masterplan Update
5. Digital Infrastructure
6. Legislations and Conventions
7. Other matters to the attention of the NIDC
8. Date of Next Meeting



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Tentative Program

TIME	PROGRAMME
Wednesday, 17 September 2025	
08:00 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:30	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Remarks – Mr. George Maniuri, Director General• Opening Remarks – Hon Jotham Napat, Prime Minister and Minister for ICT (Group Photograph)
09:30 - 09:45	Coffee / Tea Break
09:45 - 10:15	Session 1 – Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of Agenda• Outcomes of the Last NIDC meeting• Outcomes of the Pacific ICT Ministers Dialogue• Any other matters
Intermission	
10:15 - 11:00	Session 2: ICT/Telecommunication Sector Update Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Telecommunication Sector Update• Digital Week – Vanuatu 2025 Report
11:00 - 12:30	Session 3: Legislation / Policy / Strategy Implementation Update Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National ICT Policy• Universal Access Policy• Cyber Security Policy and Strategy• Data Protection and Privacy Policy and Legislation• Harmful Digital Communications Policy and Legislation• Q&A
12:30 - 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 - 14:00	Session 4: Digital Transformation Masterplan Updates Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key Priority Areas• Smart Islands Programme• Economic Micro Hub• Digital ID and Micro Services
14:00 - 15:00	

TIME	PROGRAMME
	<p><i>Session 5: Digital Infrastructure</i></p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Infrastructure Masterplan • Cloud Infrastructure • National Data Center Project • Domestic (Inter-Island) Submarine Cable Connectivity • UAP Undertaking Agreement • Q&A (30 min)
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Tea Break</i>
15:15 – 16:15	<p><i>Session 6: Digital Safety and Legislations: Challenges, Strategies and Opportunities</i></p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Protection & Privacy Act • Harmful Digital Communications Act • Digital Safety Authority • Digital Transformation Bill • Budapest Convention • United Nations (UN) Convention Against Cybercrime
16:15 – 17:00	<p><i>Session 7: Any Other Business and Wrap Up</i></p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOB • Date of Next NIDC • Wrap Up • Closing Remarks <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat • Director General