Net Neutrality

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Securing Net Neutrality for Nigeria

- Net neutrality — the principle that all Internet traffic should be treated the same

- Fundamental to ensure equitable access to the Internet, as well as to underpinning innovation, competition, and new business formation in the ICT sector.

NCC's Call for Inputs: Key Objectives

As part of its Internet Governance functions, the Nigerian Communications Commission seeks input from stakeholders in the development of a code of practice in support of net neutrality and an open internet. The Commission favours a multi-stakeholder model of engagement in the process of policy development for Internet Governance.

Objectives of the Internet Industry Code of Practice

The proposed Code of Practice seeks, among other things, to:

1. Protect the rights and interests of Internet Service Providers and consumers;

2. Provide jointly agreed and effective solutions to the issues of discriminatory traffic management practices;

3. Ensure adequate safeguards are put in place by service providers against abuses such as unsolicited messages;

4. Outline the obligations of Service Providers in relation to offensive and potentially harmful content for minors and vulnerable audiences;

5. Promote the safe, secure and responsible use of Internet Services with due regard to provisions in existing legal instruments;

6. Establish best practices for Internet Governance in Nigeria, in line with emerging issues and global trends;

7. Provide transparent rules for the assessment and classification of Internet content;

8. Increase stakeholder satisfaction through improved consumer experience online;

9. Improve competition by addressing issues of traffic management;

10. Improve operational efficiency.

Net Neutrality and Open Internet in Nigeria

Critical Policy Considerations

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Consider a basic free data allowance for citizens.

Traffic management practices to be documented, regularly reviewed and made available as open data.

Continually build trust in the ecosystem.

Personal ownership of personal data.

Very clear End User License Agreements.

Multi-stakeholder advisory on Net neutrality and Open Internet.

AIM: All of the people, all of the Internet, all of the time.

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