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NITA-U's UGPass wins the prestigious WSIS Design Award for 2024

The National Information Technology Authority Uganda (NITA-U) on 27th May, 2024 received global recognition by the World Summit for Information Society (WSIS) for its transformative digital authentication and e-signature solution; UGpass.

The prestigious Digital Service Design Prize recognised UGPass as a game changer solution that establishes digital trust by enabling users to quickly, securely and conveniently sign and seal documents online. The award comes at a time when NITA-U is implementing the Uganda Digital Acceleration Program (UDAP) that aims to expand nationwide coverage of high-speed internet and deepen access to digital public services.

The World Summit for Information Society (WSIS) is a global initiative aimed at promoting a more inclusive and equitable information society. Through various programs and recognitions, WSIS encourages advancements in digital governance and the effective use of technology to enhance lives worldwide.

While receiving the award on behalf of Uganda, Ambassador Marcel Tibaleka, the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva expressed gratitude and emphasized government's commitment to fostering a secure and efficient digital ecosystem in Uganda. "We are incredibly grateful for the recognition this award brings and we shall remain dedicated to ensuring the platform empowers more Ugandans and remains a valuable tool for years to come. Government will continue to support the enhancement and sustainability of UGPass."

NITA-U Executive Director, Dr. Hatwib Mugasa also expressed his gratitude for the award and reaffirmed the organization's commitment to Uganda's digital transformation: "We extend our heartfelt thanks to the WSIS Committee for this honor. This award highlights the progress so far made and reinforces our commitment to future advancements in digital governance."

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Figure 1
Amb. Marcel Tibaleka, the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations receiving the award price on behalf of NITA-U in Geneva