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PUBLIC NOTICE

**INVITATION TO A MARKET SOUNDING CONFERENCE
FOR THE UGANDA DIGITAL ACCELERATION PROJECT
(UDAP)**

The Government of Uganda (GoU) has applied for credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the implementation of the Uganda Digital Acceleration Project (UDAP). UDAP builds on the foundations being laid down by the Regional Communications Infrastructure Programme (RCIP-5) and the completed phases (1, 2, 3 and 4) of the National Data Transmission Backbone Infrastructure (NBI) and is designed to accelerate digital transformation of Uganda to achieve the aspirations of the Digital Transformation for Africa initiative.

The activities under UDAP will include (i) enhancing access to secure ICT infrastructure through the expansion of the NBI connectivity across the country. (ii) establishing e-waste collection, segregation and refurbishment centers (iii) Review and strengthen the policies to maximize participation of private sector in the development of broadband connectivity and delivery of digital services (iv) develop and rollout of secure digital services across priority sectors Education, Health, Agriculture, JLOS, Tourism and Trade (v) strengthen cybersecurity through the development of systems, policies, strategies and Governance framework and legislations (vi) Special attention will also be placed on connecting refugee host communities and settlements and (vii) develop digital services tailored to PWDs and extend ICT support to women, youth and the elderly thereby promoting digital inclusion in Uganda.

The project is aligned to the National Development Plan III, the Digital Uganda Vision (DUV) and the aspirations of the National Broadband policy to expand connectivity and make broadband more affordable and inclusive for all citizens. In the implementation of UDAP, Government will work closely with the private sector to build partnerships for developing the digital economy and maximize finance for development.

The project is currently under preparation and it's expected to commence in FY 2021/2022 and will be implemented over a period of five (5) years.

The project procurement will follow the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) Borrowers (July 2016, revised August 2018, revised November 2020).

As the process of designing a fit-for-purpose Project Procurement Strategy for Development (PPSD) requires greater use of early stakeholder and market engagement to help understand market context and thereby get the right suppliers/contractors, a vendor's conference has



been organized by the National Information Technology Authority–Uganda (NITA-U), which hereby invites interested private sector stakeholders and industry players to a consultative workshop scheduled for **Monday 8th February 2021, 9.00 am – 12:00pm. Due to the prevailing COVID-19 Pandemic the Workshop will be conducted online.** Those interested in participating should register at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_c3n6t6diTta3XgOVD6HpAg to access the connection details.

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- (i) Relay general information on the project to private and public sector stakeholders,
- (ii) Collect expert opinions on market conditions, technical aspects of the project, and the allocation of risks,
- (iii) Receive comments on the willingness of the private sector to co-invest, operate and manage some of the proposed project activities.
- (iv) Present details of procurement strategy, including possible delivery models and implementation arrangements.
- (v) Receive feedback from suppliers/vendors on the suitability and sustainability of the proposed project procurement strategy and contracting arrangement.

We strongly encourage stakeholders to participate in this process and to use the conference as an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments regarding the new procurement opportunities under the Uganda Digital Acceleration Project (UDAP).

To register and confirm your attendance, please Email: richard.obita@nita.go.ug by close of business on **Friday 5th February 2021**

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