

## **Announcing the National IP Peering Exchange (NIPX): Press Briefing**

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### **Salutations**

The Honourable State Minister for ICT and National Guidance, Hon, Godfrey Baluku Kabbyanga  
Our partners from the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance,  
Distinguished members of the press,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning.

### **Defining the Milestone**

- Today, we are proud to announce the upcoming official launch of the National IP Peering Exchange (NIPX); a significant milestone in Uganda's digital transformation journey.
- Without a national exchange point, internet traffic is often routed through international carriers overseas, only to return to Uganda. This inefficient routing leads to unnecessary delays and increased costs.
- The NIPX is designed to change this. It will enable local networks to interconnect and exchange traffic directly within Uganda. This local peering model makes data exchange faster, more efficient, and far more cost-effective for all participants.

### **Neutral Ownership Model**

- Before I proceed, I would like to emphasise that the National IP Peering Exchange (NIPX) operates under a neutral ownership model.
- This means that it is neither owned nor controlled by the government. Instead, it is collectively owned by its members, for the benefit of all.
- We have deliberately adopted international best practices in governance; ensuring shared oversight where no single entity, including government, holds a controlling interest.
- This structure promotes transparency, openness, and fairness. Whether you are a large telecommunications operator or a small emerging ISP, every participant has an equal opportunity to benefit.
- This neutrality builds trust and encourages broad participation, which is essential for the long-term success of any Internet Exchange Point.

## **The Benefits**

- With a peering capacity of 400 Gbps, built on the latest technology and supported by three years of OEM maintenance, NIPX brings three key advantages to Uganda's digital ecosystem:
- First, lower latency, resulting in faster response times and a smoother user experience.
- Second, reduced operational costs, by lowering dependence on expensive international bandwidth.
- Third, enhanced reliability and resilience, ensuring continuity of services even when international links experience disruptions.
- Together, these benefits form a strong foundation for a more robust and self-sufficient digital economy.

## **Impact on Citizens**

- Ultimately, the true measure of this milestone is its impact on the everyday lives of Ugandans.
- Citizens can expect smoother video calls, faster access to websites and applications, improved e-government services, enhanced online learning experiences, and more efficient business operations.
- As Internet Service Providers realise cost savings through local peering, we anticipate that these benefits will gradually be passed on to consumers through more affordable data services.
- NIPX is not just a technical advancement; it is a platform that will improve the quality of digital life for all Ugandans.

## **Technical Readiness & Call to Action**

- I am pleased to confirm that the NIPX infrastructure is of world-class standard; robust, secure, scalable, and ready to meet the demands of Uganda's growing digital economy.
- We have built this platform with the future in mind.
- Today, we declare that NIPX is open for business. We warmly invite all eligible networks both large and small; to connect and begin peering on this national platform.
- We also look forward to engaging further during the upcoming NIPX Awareness and Engagement Workshop this Friday.

**Thank you.**