



Ministry of ICT &
Innovation



Declaration of Intent on Partnership on Electricity, Smartphone and Internet for 1.5M Rwandan households by 2021, through ConnectRwanda, between the Ministry of ICT & Innovation and NOTS Solar Lamps Plc

The Ministry of ICT & Innovation (hereinafter referred to as "MINICT") and NOTS Solar Lamps Plc (hereinafter referred to as "NOTS") have declared to enter into a partnership for phase 2 of ConnectRwanda.

The ConnectRwanda campaign is an initiative geared towards the promotion and acceleration of digital adoption in Rwanda, through an increase in smartphone penetration and internet usage. The goal is to equip each household in Rwanda with a smartphone. Phase 2 of ConnectRwanda focuses on the 1.5M Rwandan households that currently do not have access to electricity. The objective of ConnectRwanda Phase 2 is to provide these households with access to both electricity and internet by December 2021, in a financially sustainable way.

MINICT and NOTS envision to provide access to electricity, internet and online services through a "Package" consisting of 4 elements:

- 1) Made-in-Rwanda Solar Home System;
- 2) Smartphone;
- 3) Relevant content; and
- 4) Internet bundle.

Both Parties wish to develop a number of tailored, affordable Packages that fit market segments to acquire the full Package.

Both MINICT and NOTS wish to invite smartphone manufacturers, content producers/owners and telecom companies to join them in the ConnectRwanda Consortium for Phase 2. Rwanda has established itself as a successful base for innovation through public-private partnerships. This initiative builds on this base and will put the Consortium into an excellent position to provide electricity and smartphones to the families that currently don't have these live improving connections.



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