



Good afternoon,

I'm glad to welcome you all of you here at this press conference as we announce the new cost of government internet.

The Government of Uganda taken key steps to prioritize the development of the ICT sector which include, among others, the Development of the Digital Uganda Vision, and Deployment of ICT infrastructure all over the country which are all in line with Government policies and strategies like the Uganda Vision 2040; the NRM Manifesto and the NDP.

National Information Technology Authority of Uganda (NITA-U) is on the brink of a historic transformation that will shape the future of Internet accessibility and affordability in our country.

NITA-U through the Minister of ICT has been unwavering in its commitment to foster the growth of Uganda's IT sector. From its inception, NITA-U has championed an enabling environment for reliable and affordable Internet services. Recognizing the crucial role of digital connectivity in the development of our nation, NITA-U commenced providing Internet services to government entities in FY2013/14 at a rate of USD 300 per Mbps per Month, which was significantly more affordable than the prevailing retail price of USD 600 across private sector providers.

Over the years, NITA-U's dedication to its mission and the increasing number of clients onboarded to the National Backbone Infrastructure (NBI) has resulted in a gradual reduction in the price per Month, reaching an impressive USD 70 in November 2017. Now, the economies of scale



brought forth by over 1,400 entities connected to the NBI have paved the way for even greater progress.

I am happy to announce that with effect from this Financial Year, Ministry of ICT& NG through NITA-U has reduced the price of internet from USD 30 per Mbps per Month. This landmark achievement solidifies NITA-U's position as the undisputed market leader in setting Internet prices. With this bold move, NITA-U will drive substantial savings on the government's communication budget, catalyze the adoption of E-Government Services, and disrupt the Internet market. Moreover, our actions today will inspire private ISPs to follow suit, ultimately benefiting all Ugandans with more affordable and accessible Internet services.

The implications of this price cut are profound. It will enable us to connect more citizens, businesses, and government institutions to the digital world, opening up unprecedented opportunities for growth, innovation, and development. By providing the Cheapest, Fastest, and most Reliable Internet Connection, backed by unparalleled customer support, NITA-U reaffirms its commitment to delivering exceptional Internet services that revolutionize the way our clients connect and experience the digital landscape.

As the Minister of ICT and National Guidance, I commend NITA-U for its outstanding efforts in shaping Uganda's technological landscape. This price reduction reflects the relentless pursuit of progress and the unyielding dedication to the welfare of our nation and its people.

Today marks a turning point in Uganda's digital journey. Let us embrace this transformation with open arms, recognizing the power of connectivity to build a brighter future for all Ugandans. I call upon our



fellow citizens, businesses, and institutions to seize this opportunity, leverage the power of the Internet, and together, let us propel Uganda to new heights of prosperity and excellence in the digital era.

Thank you, and may we march forward with confidence and conviction in this exciting chapter of Uganda's technological advancement.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Baryomunsi', is written over the printed name.

HON. DR CHRIS BARYOMUNSI

MINISTER OF ICT & NATIONAL GUIDANCE