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STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

The Department's key objectives guided by the following broad key strategic focus areas, based on Government priorities:

① Achieving higher **rates of investment** in the economy

① Increasing the **competitiveness** of the economy

① Broadening **participation** in the economy

① Contributing to **building** a better world

① Improving to the **capacity** of the State to deliver

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE 5 KEY FOCUS AREAS ...

ACHIEVE HIGHER RATES OF INVESTMENT IN THE ECONOMY

① There was greater commitment by government to invest in basic ICT infrastructure.

① **The Electronic Communications Act was amended** to facilitate government investment in strategic ICT infrastructure, thus enabling the licensing of Infraco.

① **A business plan for the establishment of the National Wireless Broadband Network** by Sentech was developed – which is the basis to connect 500 Dinaledi Schools.

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INCREASING COMPETITIVENESS OF THE SA ECONOMY

- Due to the sensitive nature of the information provided by the sector, an **information management protocol was adopted** to facilitate the development of the Integrated Infrastructure Plan across government departments.

- The **implementation of the 2010 ICT guarantees** as well as the FIFA Confederation Cup commenced and is on track.

- **Policy guidelines** on the rapid deployment of electronic communications facilities were developed.

... SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE 5 KEY FOCUS AREAS ...

BROADENING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMY ...

- **The ICT Skills Development Strategy** was finalised.
- **The e-Skills Council was established** to develop and implement interventions to address the shortage of ICT skills in South Africa.
- **Initial funding** was allocated for Sentech's wireless broadband roll-out.
- The concept document for the **Meraka e-Skills Institute** was developed.
- **Phase one of Sentech's wireless broadband network** has commenced – the mapping of the 233 Dinaledi Schools, with the related government sites, has been completed.
- Commenced with the development of the **Set Top Box Subsidy Policy.**
- Commenced with the development of the strategy for the development of the **Set Top Box Manufacturing sector.**
- The proposed **Set Top Box Specifications** were completed.

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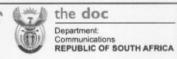Communications
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BROADENING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMY (cont.)

- Completion of site preparation for DTT roll out.
- **Draft Local and Digital Content Development Strategy** was developed.
- **A draft ICT SMME Strategy** was developed.
- **The draft Disability and ICT Strategy and draft Youth and ICT Strategy** were finalised.
- The **Youth ISAD Programme** was adopted by the NYC.

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IMPROVING CAPACITY OF THE STATE TO DELIVER

- **Effective Business Management Systems and Processes** have improved.
- Received an unqualified Audit Report.
- **The Audit Plan** was approved by the Audit Committee.
- The **Open Source Software** migration plan was developed.
- Commenced implementation of the **Electronic Document Management System** for the Department.
- **Achieved more than 50% compliance** with the targets set for women at SMS level and persons with disabilities across the Department.

... SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE 5 KEY FOCUS AREAS ...

IMPROVING CAPACITY OF THE STATE TO DELIVER (cont)

- **Secured additional funding** to meet ICASA's requirements.
- **Improve the efficiency of the oversight** role on SOEs.
- Effectively participated in all **FOSAD Clusters.**
- **FOSAD ISAD Cluster** was established.
- **ISAD Inter-governmental Relations Forum** was operationalised.

... SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE 5 KEY FOCUS AREAS ...

CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER WORLD ....

- **The Protocol on the Policy and Regulatory Framework** for the NEPAD ICT Broadband Infrastructure Network for Eastern and Southern Africa was ratified by Parliament.
- Progress was made with regards to the construction of the international submarine cable, **UhuruNet and the terrestrial cable, UmojaNet.**
- **NEPAD e-schools Demo project** was launched.
- Participated the **Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development** (OECD) ICT programmes as observers.

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... CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER WORLD

① Participated in the **World Radio Communications Conference** and influenced outcomes.

① Chaired the African Support Committee, which co-developed the African position at the **Universal Postal Union** (UPU).

① **World Summit on the Information Society**, follow-up programmes:

  ① Commission for Science and Technology for Development (CSTD); and

  ① Global Alliance for ICTs for Development (GAID).

① The only business-to-business agreement signed at the **IBSA** Summit, was submitted by the Information Society Working Group.

PRESIDENTIAL NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INFORMATION SOCIETY AND DEVELOPMENT

PNC on ISAD

ACHIEVE HIGHER RATES OF INVESTMENT IN THE ECONOMY

- **Forum of South African Directors General (FOSAD) on Information Society and Development (ISAD) Cluster** was established with its 8 subcommittees.

- Priority attention was given to **Apex Priority 3**, which is aimed at increasing the uptake and usage of ICTs by individuals and government.

- Provided both the **secretariat and professional support** for the ISAD Cluster and its sub-committees through the development and implementation of a Framework for the Professional and Secretariat Support.

PNC on ISAD

IMPROVING CAPACITY OF THE STATE TO DELIVER

- PNC also focused on the preparations of the **Presidential International Advisory Council (PIAC) on ISAD** meeting that was held in August 2007 which entailed consultation with the government, business and academia and eventually the e-Skills Council was launched in August 2007 at the PIAC meeting.

- The PNC provided professional support to the **ISAD IGR Forum** meetings.

- **Municipal Websites Portal** launched and maintained by e-cooperatives.

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IMPROVING CAPACITY OF THE STATE TO DELIVER

- The PNC developed a **Knowledge Management audit report**, a draft Knowledge Management Strategy and a Knowledge Management Toolkit.
- The current **project management** policies, procedures, templates were reviewed in line with the Project Management system.

PNC on ISAD

INCREASING COMPETITIVENESS OF THE SA ECONOMY

- The **National Youth ISAD Programme** was launched together with three projects targeting young people, namely, e-Cooperatives, National Digital Repository (NDR) for Cultural Heritage, Youth e-Literacy
- A total of **460 young people were recruited** in all 9 provinces.
- **40 Youth e-Cooperatives** have been formed and registered with Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (CIPRO).
- **e-Cooperatives** were trained and had an opportunity to apply their skills through the development and support of municipal websites in Mpumalanga.