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## **Policy and Regulatory Update – Papua New Guinea**

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2008: Adoption of National ICT Policy

2009: Promulgation of the National ICT Act 2009

- creation of sector specific regulator in NICTA responsible for economic and technical regulation of the ICT sector including broadcasting and telecommunications
- establishment of universal access regime including the establishment of Universal Service Fund
- unified licensing scheme ( currently 3 mobile licences and 1 fixed operator)
- provided for transition arrangements particularly licensing

2010-2011/2012

- migration of licences
- Subsidiary regulations: operator license regulations and spectrum regs
- Foundation documents including rules and regulations
- Mobile retail services Determination following public inquiry

2013:

- International Gateway and International Capacity Services declared services following public inquiry
- A number of public inquiries and public consultation on certain whole services
- Adoption of National Broadband Policy
- Award of LTE spectrum for mobile services

2014

- Review of National ICT Act 2009
- Universal Service Regulations
- Award of UAS Voice Tender that will provide voice telephony services to another 500000 citizens in remote areas of PNG
- Working of tender document for Internet scheduled to be released n=in the last Q4
- National Cyber policy adopted
- Development of national cyber law
- A number of public consultation and public inquiries including the potential renewal of declaration of Domestic Mobile and Fixed Terminating Access Services