DEVELOPING TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

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1. Agenda

- Introduction
- Overview of the Current Telecommunications Landscape in Nigeria
- Benchmarking Nigeria in the International Telecommunications Landscape
- Opportunities
- Conclusions
2. Introduction:

- In Nigeria, the Telecommunications Industry has experienced exponential growth in the last four years with close to ten (10) million lines connected to date.
- For this, Nigeria has been described as one of the world’s fastest growing telecommunications markets.
- These achievements can be attributed largely to the goodwill exhibited by the Nigerian government and the enabling and conducive environment with respect to government policy and regulatory regimes.
3. Introduction:

• Quoting Mr President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo,

  “We cannot be talking about creating a conducive environment for foreign investments if the performance of our transport, telecommunications and energy sectors remain dismal and epileptic.” - July 1999

• This statement of intent, confirming government’s areas of particular focus, provided the initial driving force behind subsequent activities that led to the level of development of the industry thus far.
4. Introduction

• The need to keep abreast of developments and remain relevant in the global information society became a priority for all those in government with responsibility for this sector.

• Hence, Government’s continued commitment to promoting a regulatory environment that is fair, transparent and predictable within nationally and globally defined agenda for sustainable development
Figure 1: Growth of subscribers in the Nigerian network - Source: NCC
Figure 2: International Telecommunications Spending ($ Trillions) - Source: Telecommunications Industry Association (Industry Playbook)
5. Extending The Reach

- Information and Communications Technology has been placed on the front burner of priority sectors of government.
6. Extending The Reach

• The national carriers and the major operators licensed to deliver long distance transmission infrastructure need to be encouraged to fast forward their roll-out.
7. Investment Opportunities

- Nitel Privatisation
- Nigerian Communications Satellite Project
- Technology Village Project
- Transmission Infrastructure
- Existing Operating Companies
- Rural Telecom Project
- Broadband Infrastructure
- Post Exclusivity Opportunities
8. Conclusion

- Access to telecommunications is critical to the development of all aspects of a nation’s economy including manufacturing, banking, education, agriculture and government.

- Nigeria's immediate requirement for information and communications technology facilities is enormous and the required capital and time investment needed to complete a full deployment are daunting.

- The Federal government welcomes genuine investors.
Thank You!!!