



**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATIONS  
AND DIGITAL ECONOMY**

**CS MEETING WITH TECHNOLOGY SERVICE PROVIDERS OF  
KENYA (TESPOK) OFFICIALS IN NAIROBI ON WEDNESDAY  
16TH NOVEMBER 2022**



Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communication and the Digital Economy Mr. Eliud Owalo speaks during the meeting with the Technology Service Providers of Kenya (TESPOK) officials in Nairobi.



Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications Esther Koimett, CBS, addresses the meeting between CS Eliud Owalo and the Technology Service Providers of Kenya (TESPOK) officials.

## **GOVERNMENT KEEN ON MAINTAINING INTERNATIONAL ICT STANDARDS**

Service providers in the ICT sector play a pivotal and integral role in the realization of Government agenda. Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy (MOIC-DE) Cabinet Secretary Eliud Owalo said this in a meeting with Technology Service Providers of Kenya (TESPOK) officials in Nairobi on Wednesday 16th November 2022.

The CS said that digital technology is fast redefining economies, lives and lifestyles everywhere in the world.

“The digital technology is driving education, communication, innovation, finance, commerce and industry. It is, in fact, becoming a way of life. Those who are slow to innovate and to embrace this technology will be left years behind the rest of the world.” said the CS.

He stated that his Ministry is working in partnership with other government agencies in an effort to address key issues such as; sustaining a conducive Policy and Regulatory Environment.

“The aim is to ensure that the Sector keeps pace with the rapid technological changes that have significantly impacted on the current Act and regulations. In this digital era, resilient ICT services have been recognized as the backbone of critical services such as e-Health, e-Justice, education, among others.” CS Owalo said.

CS Owalo noted that the government has committed to the digitization of government services to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in provision of service.

“In addition to the 80% digitization of government services, the Ministry will be progressing the finalization of the legal instruments that will support the implementation of initiatives such as the National Addressing System to support the roll-out of other government strategies such as the E-Commerce Strategy,” the CS said.

He said that the Ministry is committed to making Kenya an empowered digital nation, pledging to support like-minded partners to foster innovation. “We are keen to be, not just consumers of technology but also, innovators in the digital economy. Our Silicon Savannah is developing as the Konza Technopolis”, the CS noted.

The CS pointed out that the government is keen to support technical capacity building around governance for innovation and the development of policies and legislation that seeks to spur innovations.

He encouraged Service providers to coordinate and collaborate effectively in an effort to develop the nation technologically.

“In this regard, I encourage you, as you deliberate on your common interests in TESPOK, to also explore how you could individually and collectively support the rapid expansion of ICT and the digital economy. As the Government, we are especially keen to

avail affordable state of the art devices affordably to all Kenyans, across the country", said CS Owalo.

CS Owalo invited the private sector to support the proposed expansion of Kenya's digital superhighway by 100,000 km of fibre optic over the next ten years. "We are counting on you for support on the Public Private Partnership component of the agenda", he added.

See below are some pics taken at the event;







