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**REGULATORY CHALLENGES
IN TRANSITIONING TO IMT-
2000 : POSSIBLE
APPROACHES**

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1. Agenda

- **Introduction**
- **Policy Considerations**
- **Regulatory Issues**
- **Conclusion**



2. Introduction



- **The history of IMT 2000, the evolution and possible transitional path to IMT2000 and the justification for introduction of the technology in developing countries are now well documented subjects**
- **Pace of growth of mobile in Africa and level of maturity of privatisation / liberalisation are key considerations**
- **Related international developments & activities provide opportunity for rethink – WSIS, MDG+5**
- **What key challenges do regulators need to worry about?**

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3. Policy Considerations



- **Overall policy framework – a prerequisite for transitional plans**
- **Policy Goals:**
 - **Timeframe under consideration**
 - **Holistic in approach – ICT based, x- sectoral**
 - **Service Vs technology**

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Policy considerations....(cont'd)



- **Policy objectives and strategies**
 - **Essential to have underlying linkages and synergy**
 - **Implementation approach could provide for distinction between access & service**
 - **Market structure**
 - **Co-ordination and Harmonisation**

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4. Regulatory Issues



- **Licensing**
 - **Number to be issued and duration – balancing expectations about future demand & supply side**
 - **Selection problem – beauty/auction/hybrid : transparency, speed, certainty and objectivity**
 - **Pricing concerns**

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Regulatory concerns.....(cont'd)



- **Obligations**
- **Roaming, Affordability**
- **Timing**
- **Competition Framework**
 - **Impact on Incumbents**
 - **Positive skew – Investment considerations**
 - **Price capping**

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Regulatory Issues.....(cont'd)



- **Universal Service/Access Objectives**
 - **Enabler or Disabler**
 - **National backbone**
 - **Other technological solutions Vs IMT 2000**
- **Consumer Empowerment**
 - **Awareness**

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Consumer Empowerment...(cont'd)



- **Rights & Obligations**
- **Is function well grounded in the Regulator's organisational framework**

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5. Conclusion



- **Clearly all issues considered, introduction of 3G is a must**
- **The need for regulatory preparedness is urgent**
- **Essential that the subject is considered with 'broad' eyes**

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