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Abstract

Developing countries have one of the highest growth rates of uptake of ICTs currently. This is largely due to the low ICT penetrations in the past and the realization of the importance of ICTs in everyday lives of the people. Unfortunately though, there still remains a sizeable amount of mistrust in ICTs by many people in developing countries. This mistrust accounts for a sizeable amount of low utilization of basic ICTs but mainly new ICT applications.

The developments around Trusted ICT Infrastructure and services has come at an opportune time as it gives a chance for especially developing countries to develop and bridge the gap of trust in ICT network infrastructure , applications and services.

Key issues for Trusted ICT Infrastructure and Services include; culture of Trust, exchange, language and trust, age and trust, education and trust etc.

Trust is important as it has mainly hindered uptake.

This presentation highlights and expounds on some of the key issues for consideration by the ongoing discussions on Trust ICT Infrastructure and services and proposes the next steps for Developing countries for the Trusted ICT Infrastructure and services revolution.