

**DOCUMENT FOR ccTLD WORKSHOP**

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Recognising the importance of communications for the economic development of Guinea Bissau, the government of Guinea Bissau started during the 1980's the process of communications-sector reforms. This reached its highest point with the creation in 1989, through a concession of a contract to Guinea Telecom for the exclusive right to manage and exploit telecommunications service including Internet.

Knowing the strong growth of Internet and the new opportunity of Internet for socio-cultural and economic development of the country, and the necessity to extend its use for all social level of the population, the government through Guinea Telecom (incumbent operator, where Portugal Telecom International is major stockholder – group Portugal Telecom) opened in 1997 the service of Internet in Bissau.

Because of the monopoly held by Guiné Telecom at the time in the sector the ccTLD management automatically was passed to it. The intention was to develop the service for all, but the expectation was not realized and until this point in time the service provided isn't the best.

Since Internet service inauguration until the present date Guiné Telecom has only one server registered, where it provides only e-mail and Internet services. Guiné Telecom holds management of ccTLD but it does not provide it.

Right now we are concerned by this situation and we are trying to redeem this right held by Guiné Telecom in order to organize its management.

Thus the government in the prosecutions of its goal of reform in the sector, adopted a declaration of telecommunications sector policy where it express its irreducible decision to liberalise the sector and the legal framework definition adapted to the actual global, regional and sub-regional context adopted in 1999 Telecom Basic law that created the Regulatory body – the Institute of Communications of Guinea Bissau – ICGB with the following attributes:

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- Collaborate actively in definitions of political precaution of telecommunication in Guinea Bissau
- Advise the government in acting in its guardianship functions
- To bring about radio electric spectrum, numbering resource, and others.

Because of new legal view in the country and worried about constant growth numbers of users "Local Internet Community"; considering the vital importance of this service in the globalisation context, having on the other hand consideration that ccTLD is a strategic resource and of public interest, therefore it is attached to national sovereignty, the Government expressed its intention to redeem the ccTLD gw with objective of adapt its new Global management.

Since the creation of ICGB in 1999, it is collecting information about redeem process management of ccTLD unfortunately there was not success.

As you can see we are still lack experience in this domain, which would make our participation in this workshop great and appreciated.

It is still important to the prosecution of our objective - redeem ccTLD management to Guinea Bissau Community, for being its natural resource.

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