

The Role of the Ministry of ICT

The Ministry of Information Communication Technology and Innovation (MINICT) plays a crucial role in overseeing and promoting the development of information and communication technology (ICT) in Rwanda. MINICT has the mission to address national priorities relating to economic growth and poverty reduction through development and coordination of national policies and programs related to information, technology, communication, and innovation as well as citizen's empowerment.

The Ministry of ICT and Innovation is responsible for overseeing and assessing the implementation of national policies, strategies, and programs aimed at fostering technology and communication. Additionally, it is tasked with formulating and distributing policies, strategies, and programs related to ICT and Innovation. The Ministry's operational activities are managed through two main departments: Digital Government Transformation and Innovation and Business Development. Moreover, the Ministry administers a program known as Innovation and ICT Private Sector Development.

Here are Key domains of intervention of MINICT:



Figure: MINICT domains of intervention

To accomplish these responsibilities and help the Ministry to achieve its mission, MINICT has the following affiliated agencies:

Agencies	Mandate
RISA: Rwanda Information Society Authority	Planning and coordinating the implementation of national ICT for Development Agenda

RURA. Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority	The mandate within the ICT sector is to licence, monitor and enforce licence obligations, manage scarce resources, advise policy makers on ICT related issues and represent Rwanda in international organisations on issues pertaining to ICT
C4IR: Centre for the Fourth industrial revolution	Accelerating the inclusive and responsible adoption of emerging technologies for the benefit of society
NCSA: National Cyber Security Authority	Authority in charge of securing Rwanda's Cyber space
RSA: Rwanda Space Agency	RSA mandate is to regulate and coordinate all space activities in the Country while also creating an environment that promotes entrepreneurial and industrial development
NPO: National Post Office	NPO mandate is to competitively deliver communication, parcels, and related services. To continually research, innovate and apply international best practice. It aims to fulfil the Universal Service Obligation by seeking to serve the needs of every person and geographical region of Rwanda.
NIDA: National Identification Agency	Modernise and integrate both civil registration of vital events and national population registry through digital and secure identity information system for legal identity and right for all with an accurate authentication of data responding to the needs of all stakeholders.

Table: MINICT affiliated agencies

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