

# Liberia Telecommunications Authority



## NOTICE

The Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA) publishes this Notice in keeping with the Consultation Process Guidelines for LTA Rules, Orders and Regulations, 2009, and specifically in terms of section 11(4) of the Telecommunications Act, 2007.

Pursuant to the National Universal Access Policy Strategy, 2014 (“NUAPS”), the National ICT and Telecommunications Policy, 2011, (“ICT Policy”), and sections 22 and 23 of the Telecommunications Act of 2007 of the Republic of Liberia (“Act”), the LTA has drafted regulations to be cited as the **Regulations on the Universal Access Fund (Creation, Management and Deployment), 2014 (“Regulations”)**.

The Regulations provide for the establishment of a bank account to be known as the Universal Access Fund (“UAF”); the establishment of the Universal Access Governing Board (“Board”), the Universal Access Implementation Committee (“Committee”) and the Project Implementation Unit (“PIU”) as envisaged in the NUAPS. The Regulations have the following objectives:

- (a) To assist in achieving the goals of universal access as set out in the Act, the ICT Policy and the NUAPS;
- (b) To collect, deposit into a bank account and to disburse from that account universal access funds received from telecommunications licensees and other sources;
- (c) To administer funds in the UAF in a transparent, objective and accountable manner;
- (d) To direct the application of funds only towards the achievement of the goals of universal access and the costs of administration reasonably associated with these goals; and
- (e) To ensure that the interests of the Government of Liberia, the public, and service providers are taken into account.

By this Notice, the LTA launches a process of public consultation to seek the informed views of stakeholders, other interested parties and the general public on the Regulations to be published May 16, 2014, for consultation. The LTA invites all interested parties to provide written comments, inputs and observations (with justifications) by hand mail or email to the addresses below by May 30, 2014.

The Regulations will be published on the LTA's website ([www.lta.gov.lr](http://www.lta.gov.lr)) and on the Executive Mansion website ([www.emansion.gov.lr/](http://www.emansion.gov.lr/)). Hard or electronic copies may be obtained at the Corporate Communications Department, LTA Building, Congotown Back Road, Monrovia.

The LTA will disclose a summary of the responses received during the consultation. Please note that all responses may be published, in whole or in part, by the LTA. Respondents should therefore indicate if they consider any specific information contained in their responses to be confidential. The LTA will deal with such data in accordance with its Confidentiality Regulations.

The period for comments runs from May 16 to 4pm May 30, 2014. The LTA will only take account of comments received within this period.

The outcome of the consultation process will be the final form of the Regulation.

The following timetable is proposed for the consultation process:

May 16 - issue of consultation document

May 30 – closing date to receive comments

June 6 - publication of summary of consultation responses and/or LTA's report

June 13 - publication of the final Regulation

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