



CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Satellite Communications Guidelines

February 23, 2026

I. Background

Satellite-based communications technology has become a critical enabler of connectivity — particularly in areas where terrestrial infrastructure is limited or absent. From broadband internet access in rural communities, to emergency communications during natural disasters, to supporting government, business, and educational services, satellite systems are playing an ever more important role in bridging the digital divide and advancing national development.

As satellite services expand, especially from non-geostationary low earth orbit systems, the need for a transparent and predictable regulatory framework becomes urgent. In the absence of such a framework, operators face uncertainty, consumers risk inadequate protection, and the broader telecoms sector may struggle to align with the new competitive challenges posed by services from space. The Liberia Telecommunications Authority's (LTA's) draft Satellite Communications Guidelines are intended to provide such a regulatory framework to:

- Establish licensing and authorization procedures for satellite service providers and for providers in the earth segment intending to utilize satellite services.
- Define technical and operational requirements to ensure quality of service and alignment with international standards.
- Safeguard fair competition and promote innovation.
- Protect consumer interests while encouraging investment.
- Align Liberia's regulatory environment with regional and global standards.
- Facilitate the attainment of universal access policy objectives
- Monitor and enforce compliance with national security, cybersecurity, and data sovereignty policies, laws and regulations.

The LTA accepts that effective regulation must be informed by the perspectives of all stakeholders — service providers, consumers, government institutions, and development partners. Stakeholder consultation is therefore intended to solicit feedback, foster dialogue, and ensure that the final Guidelines reflect both national priorities and the realities of the marketplace. The goal is to ensure that the final Guidelines support innovation, expand access, and contribute to Liberia's social and economic development.

II. Purpose & Scope

This document intends to present for stakeholder consultation the draft **Satellite Communications Guidelines** (LTA-GLL-002-2026) developed by the LTA to provide a framework to regulate the provision of satellite communications services in the Republic of Liberia. The LTA expects that the outcome of the consultation process will be the adoption of final Guidelines to be applicable to all providers of satellite communications services within the Republic of Liberia.

III. The Consultation Process

In accordance with its Guidelines for Consultation Process of 2009 (Consultation Guidelines) the LTA seeks the informed views of licensed service providers, satellite operators and other stakeholders on the LTA's intent to adopt **Satellite Communications Guidelines**. All comments are appreciated, but it would help the analysis of responses if comments are restricted to provisions included in the draft Guidelines. 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 commercially confidential. The LTA will deal with such information in accordance with its Confidentiality Regulations.

The draft Satellite Communications Guidelines are provided in Annex 1 of this document.

The period for comments runs from February 23, 2026, to March 9, 2026. The LTA undertakes to only consider comments received within this period. Comments should be in writing, and be sent by email to the following address: consult@lta.gov.lr

Consultation Schedule

Ref.	Activity	Date
1	Launch of consultation process	February 23
2	Public consultation forum	March 5
3	Deadline for receipt of consultation responses	March 9
4	Publication of Consultation Report	March 12
5	Publication of Final Guidelines	March 19

ANNEX 1: Draft Satellite Communications Guidelines (LTA-GLL-002-2026)