

2nd National ICT Conference 2002

Hosts: Botswana IT Society (BITS)

Proposed Date: Thursday 21 November 2002

Proposed Venue: TBA

Proposed theme: IMPLEMENTING THE DIFFUSION OF ICT
FOR POSITIVE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Proposed result areas (sub-group focal areas):

1. Developing a professional ICT body:

- How to enforce professionalism and standards
- How to develop the capacity of the profession to deliver
- How to ensure that the industry gets involved in the development, mentoring and training of professionals
- Review of progress on professionalism since the last conference
- *What role does BITS have to play in the process?*

2. Creating an enabling regulatory and policy environment

- What policy initiatives are required to reposition the country for Vision 2016
- An assessment of past and future initiatives
- How to ensure stakeholder buy-in into developing Botswana into an information society
- Will Botswana achieve the status of a leading continental information society? What are the pitfalls and how should they be mitigated?

3. The role of ICT businesses in positive national development

- A review of progress since the last ICT conference
- Is there an need for an advisory and self-regulatory "Suppliers Forum"
- Whither citizen empowerment?

- Aligning business objectives with national (Vision 2016) objectives.

4. ICT main challenges against successful development of the required:

- Legal
- Technical
- Human
- Access/Awareness

What innovative and cost effective strategies can be used to address these challenges

5. Way Forward