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#### **Press Statement by the ICT Minister**

#### **National Digital ID Policy 2024 Consultation**

Minister for Information and Communication Technology, Hon. Timothy Masiu, today releases the National Digital Identity Policy 2024 for public consultation.

‘I am proud to announce that Papua New Guinea now has a draft National Digital ID Policy 2024’, Minister Masiu said. This policy is setting pathway for digital ID as an enabler for citizens access to digital services and will play a critical part in ensuring safe and secure digital environment for citizens to participate e-commerce and digital economy.

The Policy is establishing an official Digital ID system, locally designated as SevisPass, which will serve as a critical Digital Public Infrastructure to ensure that every citizen, including those in our rural areas, are registered and given digital identity to access digital services and participate in the digital economy.

The SevisPass has many use cases. The obvious case is to enable over million Papua New Guineans particularly in rural areas to open bank accounts and have access to financial services. We will partner with banks and financial institutions to streamline identity verification for individuals opening bank accounts, applying for loans and processing transactions through secure digital Know-Your Customer (e-KYC) procedures.

In telecommunication sector, SIM card registration will utilize SevisPass, where tiered Know-Your-Customer processes will be implemented to verify identity before issuing or activating SIM cards, preventing fraud and ensuring users details are accurate in the telecom system. There are many more use cases for SevisPass.

I invite all stakeholders—government agencies, private sector partners, civil society organizations, technical experts, and citizens—to provide feedback on this policy. Your insights will help us refine and finalize a framework that meets the needs of every Papua New Guinean. The Policy can be accessed from the Department of ICT’s website: [www.ict.gov.pg](http://www.ict.gov.pg) and your input and or inquiry can be made to the Deputy Secretary - Policy, Mr Flierl Shongol and Executive Manager, Allan Long, on email addresses: [flierl.shongol@ict.gov.pg](mailto:flierl.shongol@ict.gov.pg) & [allan.long@ict.gov.pg](mailto:allan.long@ict.gov.pg)

Together, let us embrace this digital future and ensure that no one is left behind. Thank you, and I look forward to your active participation in shaping the future of our nation.



**Hon. Timothy Masiu, MP**  
**Minister for ICT**

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