

Thanks for the extension in time but we have received requests like this before and little or nothing actually materialises. I would like to assist in whatever capacity that I can going forward. Basic Comments below:

Barriers to Network Rollout

I. Subgroup on the Planning Process

- Planning Applications,
- Permits and Exemptions,
- Exemptions from all County Councils for infrastructure/timber poles less than 10 meters high
- Consistency on development charges

II. Subgroup on Access to Infrastructure (road and other infrastructure)

- Access to Duct
- Access to Motorway infrastructure
- Process for Road Openings (National Roads and Motorways)
- Access to other property owned by non-commercial State entities.
- Access to County Councils buildings including water tanks
- What about access to the numerous mobile phone masts throughout the country at a fair price. I have requested access before and they don't even want to talk to us.

Consumer

III. Subgroup on Consumer Issues

- Consumer Information (handsets, network, complaints)
- Community engagement by industry
- Identifying black-spots / defining issues
- How's about acknowledging the work the Rural Internet service providers have done over the last few years. My Company has put in infrastructure into numerous black spots and enabled my customers to use fast broadband.
- What happens my rural customers when due to the NGA rollout and I have to close my business and leave 60-70% of my users with NO broadband until the NGA has completed its entire rollout.

Network Improvements

IV. Subgroup on Regulation, Policy and Networks

- Network configuration
- Upgrade Programmes
- Spectrum Availability (Regulation and Policy)
- Affordable Spectrum: Comreg have access to the 3.5/3.6 Ghz spectrum and are auctioning it off at a cost that's too expensive for Wireless Operators. Even if it was cheaper we have no clue if the NGA will even approve its use. So go figure that out !!!!

Engagement with industry on Network Development