

ICT LAWS IN NIGERIA: PLANNING AND REGULATING A SOCIETAL JOURNEY INTO THE FUTURE

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SUMMARY

This paper examines the laws on Information and Communications Technology in Nigeria, and the institutional regulatory framework for enforcing the relevant laws. It further appraises selected concepts associated with ICT regulation and some contemporary issues as they relate to the challenges of ICT in Nigeria. The paper suggests regulatory benchmarks for the purpose of repositioning the ICT sector and approaches to strengthening the regulation of ICT in Nigeria. The paper concludes with an emphasis on value-added and result-based approach to the Information and Communications Technology regulation process in Nigeria.

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