

**SPEECH BY MR. CHARLES NJOROGE, DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OF KENYA  
DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF CCK ICT INDUSTRY  
EXPO, 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009 AT THE KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE CENTRE**

**Hon. Samuel Poghiso, Minister for Information and  
Communications,**

**Permanent Secretary for Information and Communications, Dr.  
Bitange Ndemo,**

**CCK Board Chairman, Hon. Eng. Philip Okundi**

**Members of the CCK Board,**

**Chief Executive Officers of the ICT Industry in Kenya,**

**Our Distinguished Friends and Visitors from Various Parts of the  
Continent**

**Distinguished Invited Guests,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

Honourable Minister, the faces in front of you here have been the forces behind the spectacular transformation that this country has witnessed in the last 10 years in the Information and Communications Technologies field.

As CCK celebrates 10 great years of growth in the ICT industry, we are merely facilitators; the real celebrities are the ladies and gentlemen seated in front of you. These are the people who have invested enormous

resources that have translated into a myriad of services that have in turn changed the lives of Kenyans. These are the people who have employed hundreds of thousands of our citizen and contributed substantially to the Exchequer through payment of taxes and other levies.

On our part, at CCK, we have worked closely with the service providers and equipment suppliers to ensure that there is not only level playing ground but also that the services are provided at the highest quality levels and for the benefit of Kenyans.

As we sit back and review the achievements of the past decade, I have no doubt that our licensed operators do appreciate the worth of this relationship. We have not always agreed on everything and at times we have even engaged one another intensely. The good thing is that we have always come to a consensus on what needs to be done. Our overall intention have been to safeguard the investments of licensees as well as ensure quality and better priced services to Kenyans. To date, we have achieved a lot on these intentions and are hopeful for even better results in the future.

Allow me, sir, to thank the players who have walked with us this far. They have helped us open the world of Kenyans. Our vision can only be achieved through the performance of these distinguished ladies and gentlemen. They have not let us down.

Amongst us today also are our friends from different parts of the continent. They include fellow regulators and other key partners in the communications field. I wish to take this opportunity to welcome and thank them for finding time to come to celebrate with us.

Guest of honour, ladies and gentlemen,

The list of our exhibitors for this expo includes students of various disciplines of technology. We have been supporting innovations from students at their annual exhibition and so we invited them to showcase

their skill here and demonstrate to Kenyans the wealth of talent that abounds amongst the youth in this country. I am sure the big players exhibiting alongside these students will want to harness these talents by offering the youngsters opportunities to thrive.

Apart from the exhibition, we are in the next three days going to have insightful panel discussions and keynote addresses involving prolific industry leaders. A key objective of this conference is to create an interactive and exciting platform for different stakeholders to share in their knowledge and experiences with one another and use this towards making our lives better. Allow me to take this opportunity to invite everyone to these forums. I encourage you to attend and participate in these forums that will feature informed discussions on the future of the ICT industry.

Asanteni sana.