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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY-NatCA ENGAGES SMART AFRICA CEO IN KIGALI

The Director General of the National Communications Authority (NatCA) Daniel Kaitibi held a fruitful discussion with the CEO of SMART Africa Mr. Lacina Kone in Kigali on 24 October 2022.

The main purpose of the meeting was to engage with SMART Africa to explore opportunities to support NatCA's transformation from a Commission to an Authority.

SMART Africa defines Africa's digital agenda and equally too drives the continental single Digital Market through affordable access to Broadband and usage of Information and Communications Technologies.

It is against this backdrop that the Director General of NatCA sees SMART Africa as a worthy partner to accelerate growth in the ICT ecosystem of Sierra Leone.

In making his statement, DG Kaitibi noted the role of SMART Africa in supporting Sierra Leone to fulfil its potential in the ICT sector. He spoke of President Dr. Julius Maada Bio's commitment in meeting all international obligations with SMART Africa and other telecommunication partners' in order for Sierra Leone to leverage benefit from those organizations.

DG Daniel Kaitibi went further to say NatCA is looking forward to capacity building and skills training to ensure that the ongoing transformation from a Commission to an Authority becomes a reality.

SMART Africa CEO Mr. Kone expressed his appreciation in hosting the delegation from Sierra Leone. He said, he was delighted to work with NatCA and provide all necessary support to them. The DG of Smart Africa Lacina Kone spoke on the sustainable approach to digital transformation and ways by which African Telecommunications Regulators can be strategically empowered. His theme was 'Regulation for Development' in the 21st Century. He proposed to host a Workshop that will bring together relevant stakeholders in the telecommunications space on 5G, Intra Africa Connectivity Project, Smart Africa Continental Backbone, Modern Regulatory Environment, Universal Access, Digital Identity & Revenue Assurance.

The Chairman of the Information & Communications Committee in the House of Parliament, Hon. Boston Munda informed the Smart Africa Team of the strategic role played by the Committee in ensuring the Regulator regulates in accordance with its mandate. He further highlighted the pivotal role Members of Parliament played to enact the new Act that has now transformed the Commission into an Authority

The Chief Executive of the Universal Access Development Fund (UADF), Mdm. Marie Momoh expressed thanks and appreciation to the DG of Smart Africa and his Team for giving UADF the

opportunity to present its case and establish collaboration with Smart Africa to bear on the UADF in Sierra Leone.

The Smart Africa Alliance is a partnership among 32 African countries adhering to the Smart Africa Manifesto





