REMARKS/NOTES
Morning session (11:00 am)

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In the year 2011, Swaziland joined the Information Society Technologies in Africa (**IST-Africa**) which is a multi-stakeholder initiative supported by the European Commission under the ICT Theme of Framework Programme 7 (FP7). As part of this programme, The country has undertaken training on Living Labs and has participated in two IST-Africa conferences in Tanzania (May, 2012) and Kenya (May, 2013).

ICT related Thematic Areas under Horizon 2020 of the Framework Programme are:
- Content Technologies – Language, Learning, Digital Preservation;
- E-Health
- Future Internet – Cyber Security, Privacy and Trust, Connected Enterprise;
- Next Generation Computing;
- Sustainable Agriculture;
- E-Infrastructures

Swaziland has positioned herself to benefit from all these activities through prioritisation and eagerly waiting the calls for proposals due in 2015.

As a new Ministry the starting point was to ensure that conducive policies exist and therefore the Ministry embarked on the development of relevant policies that have included:

Information Bills
► The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Bill
► The Swaziland Books and Newspapers Amendment Bill

Media Legislation
- ► Swaziland Public Broadcasting Bill
- ► Swaziland Film Bill
- ► The Swaziland Media Council Bill
- ► Digital Migration Policy - 2012

Having launched the Digital Migration Policy in 2012, the country is confident that it will be in a position to meet the digital migration deadline set by be Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) for dual illumination by end of 2013.

The country has an ICT policy which was approved by CABINET in 2004 and has made great strides in the area of e-governance. The country has integrated the National Identification system with the Birth, Marriages and Deaths register and this year has realised the launch of electronic voter registration with biometric systems.

Telecommunication Infrastructure is already NGN Broadband from 2006

64% of High Schools are connected to the internet
7% of Primary Schools are connected

There are three Internet Service Providers