

eThink Tank

Discussion Paper on Proposals Towards Institutionalising an Organisation Structure

Organisation Structure
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1 Background

On Thursday 10 August three members of the eThink Tank (Ali Mufuruki, David Sawe, and Simbo Ntiro) met Ms. Sally Fegan-Wyles (UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative), Mr. Oddvar Jakobsen (UNDP Deputy Resident Representative), and Mr. Udo Etukudo (UNDP Economist). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the eThink Tank's next steps as set out in the Information Document, and to establish whether UNDP was interested in being involved in the next steps.

The purpose of this document is to support the communication of agreements reached at that meeting to any other interested parties. It underpinned discussions held on 17th August, 2000, 15:00-16:00hrs, at The President's Office — Civil Service Department, between Mr Joseph Rugumyambeto (Permanent Secretary for Establishments), Ms Sally Fegan-Wyles (UN Resident Co-ordinator) and the three aforementioned eThink Tank members. The meeting's fruitful deliberations are encapsulated under separate cover but, on behalf of all other eThinkers, the three eThink Tank members, hereby acknowledge with gratitude the very strong encouragements which they have been receiving.

2 Summary of agreements

In summary, members of the eThink Tank and UNDP representatives agreed as follows:

- (a) The UNDP Resident Representative has read and appreciated the Information Document, and is extremely interested in being involved. Specific interest is to facilitate and support the next steps and, additionally, to assist in mobilising resources as appropriate.
- (b) Work to establish a "link" between the Government of Tanzania and a Steering Committee, which might be facilitated by UNDP.
- (c) The Steering Committee would have oversight over eSecretariat activities. Steering Committee members could be selected from eThink Tank members. The eSecretariat would have access to the diverse intellectual resources of eThink Tank as relevant.
- (d) The Steering Committee would have a formal link to the Government of Tanzania. Apparently at this stage, the President's Office Civil Service Department (CSD) appears to be the best place for liaison with the Government.
- (e) The eSecretariat would be tasked with establishing a National ICT Council "NICTC", or whatever it may be named. The eSecretariat will begin with two full-time professional staff. The eSecretariat will have a formal presence, supported by UNDP, and will liase with the Government.
- (f) The eSecretariat would draw up plans and proposals (for resources, external assistance, and outputs) for all the activities needed to establish "NICTC" to a strict timetable focusing on quick-wins wherever possible. The strategy overall would be to start small and grow rapidly.
- (g) It was recognized that there are many potential sources of information on ICT in the context of development. UNDP could assist in identifying such sources as appropriate for eSecretariat / eThink Tank requirements.

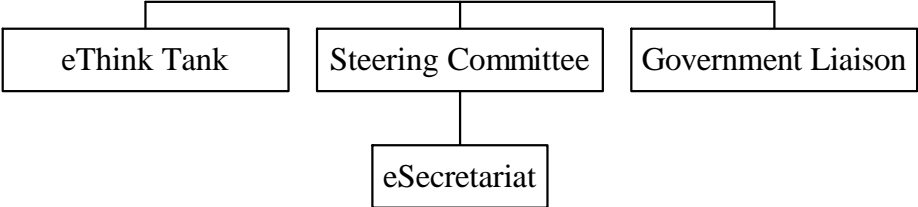
As agreed, subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Ali Mufuruki requested the Permanent Secretary (PS) of CSD, Mr. Joseph Rugumyambeto, to meet eThink Tank members and UNDP representatives on Thursday 17 August 2000. The proposed objectives of this meeting are to:

- Discuss the outcome of the initial meeting with UNDP, in order to obtain the views of the PS (CSD).
- Agree how to develop the envisaged Organisation Structure in order to ensure optimal buy-in from all stakeholders.
- Agree on next steps.

3 Proposed Organisation Structure

The eThink Tank proposes an Organisation Structure as set out below.

Proposed Institutional Arrangement



This is an interim structure envisaged to exist until “NICTC” has been formed.