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COMMONWEALTH DIGITAL ROADSHOW - VANUATU

OVERVIEW

1. INTRODUCTION

The **Commonwealth Digital Roadshow** is the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation's (CTO) flagship initiative commemorating **125 years of service to the Commonwealth**. Designed to raise awareness of emerging digital technologies and to educate and empower Commonwealth citizens to harness their potential for development, the first destination of the Roadshow will be **Vanuatu**.

In September 2025, the CTO, in partnership with the Government of Vanuatu's Department of Communications, officially launched the Roadshow. This initiative is strategically designed to advance Vanuatu's digital transformation agenda by fostering an inclusive digital ecosystem and bridging the digital divide through strategic partnerships, knowledge sharing, and practical capacity-building.

2. OBJECTIVES

The overall goal of the Commonwealth Digital Roadshow in Vanuatu is to inspire, educate, and connect stakeholders across Vanuatu, from policymakers to local communities, on the transformative potential of digital technologies for sustainable development, economic growth, and improved public services.

The key objectives are to:

- **Raise Awareness:** Increase understanding among government officials, private sector, civil society, and citizens about the benefits and challenges of digital transformation.
- **Showcase Innovation:** Highlight successful digital initiatives and emerging technologies relevant to Vanuatu's context.
- **Build Capacity:** Provide practical skills and knowledge to local communities on leveraging digital tools for everyday life, economic opportunities, and resilience.
- **Facilitate Policy Dialogue:** Create a platform for high-level discussions on national digital strategies, regulatory frameworks, and cybersecurity.
- **Foster Partnerships:** Connect local stakeholders with regional and international experts, investors, and technology providers.
- **Promote Inclusivity:** Ensure digital transformation benefits all segments of society, with a particular focus on rural, remote, and underserved populations.
- **Impact communities:** Initiate activities that will impact communities and bring long-term benefits to citizens.

3. EVENT STRUCTURE

Day 1: Main Conference - "Vanuatu's Digital Forum: Policy, Innovation & Partnerships"

- a) **Location:** Port Vila

- b) **Format:** Keynote speeches, high-level panel discussions, technology showcases, B2B/B2G networking sessions.
- c) **Focus Areas:**
 - Strategic vision for Vanuatu's digital transformation, national digital policy frameworks, regulatory environment, and regional cooperation.
 - Expanding connectivity
 - Building digital trust
 - Artificial Intelligence

Days 2&3 Local Engagement - Unlocking Economic Opportunities through Digital Skills

- a) **Location:** Port Vila
- b) **Format:** Skill-building workshops, entrepreneurial guidance, access to digital payment solutions.
- c) **Focus Areas:**
 - Internet Governance
 - Digital financial inclusion
 - ICT for SME
 - ICT for Health
 - Connectivity roundtable
 - Early warning and disaster preparedness

Days 4: Local Engagement - Unlocking Economic Opportunities through Digital Skills

- a) **Location:** Emua
- b) **Format:** Interactive workshops, practical demonstrations, community dialogues, hands-on training sessions.
- c) **Focus Areas:**
 - Economic microhubs
 - Online safety & misinformation
 - ICT for people with disabilities

Days 5: Local Engagement - Digital Tools for Community Empowerment

- a) **Location:** Mele
- b) **Format:** Interactive workshops, practical demonstrations, community dialogues, hands-on training sessions.
- c) **Focus Areas:**
 - E-learning
 - Digital Literacy

4. AUDIENCE

Day 1 Government Ministers, Senior Officials, ICT Regulators, Private Sector Leaders, Tech Entrepreneurs, Academia, Civil Society Organizations, International Development Partners.

Days 2-5: Local Community Leaders, Farmers, Small Business Owners, Youth, Women's Groups, Educators, Health Workers, Local Government Representatives.

5. THEMES

The Core Themes across all events are tailored to audience:

- Digital Governance & Infrastructure: Policy, connectivity, cybersecurity, data.
- Digital Economy & Innovation: E-commerce, digital payments, tech startups, youth entrepreneurship.
- Digital Inclusion & Skills: Digital literacy, access for all, education, health.

- Digital Resilience & Climate Action: Early warning systems, disaster management, sustainable practices.

6. DATE

Commonwealth Digital Roadshow in Vanuatu will be convened from 23 to 27 March 2026.

7. VENUE

The activities of the Roadshow will be held at various locations in Vanuatu

8. REGISTRATION

Participants in the digital technology demonstrations will be required to register online. Further details will be available on the CTO's website.

9. SPONSORSHIP

The CTO welcomes the participation of sponsors for all aspects of the Roadshow

10. CTO CONTACT INFORMATION

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