

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT URGING GOVERNMENT TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT ADOPTION OF INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

(MOVED UNDER RULES 55 & 56 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF PARLIAMENT, 2017)

WHEREAS Objective XI of the National Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy enjoins the state to stimulate technological and scientific development by adopting appropriate policies and enactments of enabling legislation;

AND WHEREAS the declaration of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), 2005 recommended that Governments play their role in the promotion of Information Communication Technologies (ICT) for development;

AWARE THAT the socio-economic and educational growth of a nation is increasingly dependent on accessibility, creation and control of information, as well as access to ICT, knowledge and skills;

FURTHER AWARE THAT since the use of ICT is a key strategy for enhancing socio-economic transformation of a country and improving effectiveness and efficiency in service delivery, government adopted the National Information and Communications Technology Policy, 2014 aimed at;

1. expanding ICT infrastructure and its integration throughout the country;
2. reviewing curricular at primary, secondary and tertiary levels in order to pedagogically integrate ICTs in the teaching and learning process;
3. improving the level of investment in educational ICT equipment, software as well as broadband connectivity of primary, secondary and tertiary institutions; and
4. imparting teachers with the necessary ICT skills in order to enable them use ICTs in the teaching and learning process among others.

NOTING THAT the use of ICT in the education system not only offers new opportunities to students such as enabling the development of constructive thinking skills, it also makes the learning process more interesting and diverse, and as a result prepare students for the future information age and increase their exposure to knowledge and information about the larger world;

APPRECIATING THAT a specific subject based on ICT applications was introduced in the curriculum for secondary schools and a limited amount of

ICT equipment targeted at poor rural secondary schools has been provided through Uganda Communications Commission (UCC)'s Rural Communications Development Fund (RCDF) to mitigate the likely expansion of a digital divide between wealthy urban schools and poor rural schools;

CONCERNED THAT despite such government's policies and efforts to proliferate ICT in the education system, implementation of the same has not been that effective. The digital divide between rich-urban and poor-rural schools still persists with most rural schools and communities not having equal access to ICT facilities;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT though ICT was introduced in the secondary schools curriculum, it is an optional subject not in line with Government policy of pedagogically integrating ICT in the teaching and learning process;

ALARMED THAT Most rural schools not only lack qualified teachers to elaborate on the ICT curriculum, they also do not have infrastructure requirements such as electricity, maintenance budgets, computer labs and broad-band connectivity;

CONVINCED THAT robust implementation of the adoption of the use of ICT in the education system has a potential to facilitate the acquisition of relevant life skills that buttress the development process in this prevailing economic and information order;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by Parliament that Government is urged to;

1. Implement the adoption of the use of ICT in the education system by providing adequate resources, facilities and infrastructure to enhance the use of ICT in schools at all levels (primary, secondary and other tertiary institutions);
2. Present an elaborate implementation strategy to achieve the adoption of the use of ICT in the education system policy.

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