



CALL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON CONVERGED LICENSING FRAMEWORK (CLF)

In line with the objective of fostering the development of the ICT services sector in accordance with technology trends and recognized international standards, the Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA) intends to migrate the current licensing framework to a Converged Licensing Framework (CLF) for the telecommunications and broadcasting sectors.

In recent years, the world has witnessed the convergence of services such as the telephone, internet, radio and television onto a single delivery platform allowing the end user to access multiple services using a single medium. Convergence has become crucial in today's modern world as it facilitates flexibility in terms of service provisioning.

These services can only be available where the licensing framework has converged to take into account such requirements and at present the licensing framework is not yet converged and provides for distinct licensing structures.

MACRA has therefore developed the CLF to facilitate the introduction of a new licensing framework for the telecommunications and broadcasting services whose boundaries have been blurred by technological advancements.

It is for this reason that MACRA is calling for comments and inputs from stakeholders as well as the general public on the proposed CFL in order to solicit a better understanding of the various requirements.

The CFL concept paper will be made available to all licensees and key stakeholders. The general public can also access the paper by login on to www.macra.org.mw.

Please include your personal or company particulars as well as a correspondence address and contact details in all your submissions. All views in both hard and soft copies should be sent to:

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The closing date for receiving feedback is 15:30 hours, 6th April, 2015.

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