



## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

### **THE UCC INCUBATION SUPPORT INITIATIVE**

The Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) established the Incubation Support Initiative (ISI) as a strategic mechanism through which promising and emerging ICT businesses as well as 'high impact' ICT innovations can be financially supported in advancing communications services in Uganda.

UCC invites Ugandans (individuals or organisations) with any of the following to apply for financial assistance:

- i. an innovative idea that applies or seeks to develop broadcasting, postal or telecommunications services and which they wish to develop or scale up, **OR**
- ii. an innovative ICT incubator providing these services:
  - Linkage of incubates to investors, customers, peer firms and specialised innovation organisations locally and/or internationally;
  - Assistance in accessing funding;
  - Supportive infrastructure such as work space, laboratory facilities, plant and equipment;
  - Shared services (e.g. internet);
  - Technical expertise and marketing support, and;
  - Capacity building in technical and business/entrepreneurship skills.

### **Eligibility**

Funding will be made available on a competitive basis under the following specific categories:

1. **Seed funding:** financial assistance under this category will be provided to a maximum of **US\$15,000 (United States Dollar Fifteen Thousand Only)** towards the capital requirements to develop (*validate, prototype, commercialise*) or scale-up a creative idea that is related to the harnessing or development of broadcasting, postal, or telecommunications services.

2. **Incubation Promotion subsidy:** funding under this category shall facilitate the provision of incubation services by an existing incubator to a maximum of **US\$45,000 (United States Dollar Forty-Five Thousand Only)**. Areas for which the subsidy may be given include:
- Plant and/or equipment for use by incubates;
  - Development of laboratories and other testing facilities;
  - Specialist resources required by multiple incubates, and;
  - Training facilities and resources.

### **Submission of Application**

Applicants are required to complete the requisite Application form which should then be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "***Application for Incubation Support Initiative grant***". The forms and details of the application requirements are available on the UCC website.

***Applicants are strongly advised to visit this website or contact any of the UCC offices around the country to obtain complete information about the Incubation Support Initiative.***

Applications are to be submitted no later than **January 30, 2015** at **5.00pm**. Applicants may be requested to make a short presentation of their project to the evaluation committee.

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