



Further liberalisation of the  
telecommunications market in  
**Botswana**  
National Fixed Network



## Introduction

- The group was unanimous that further liberalisation of the telecommunications market is essential and the benefits from such liberalisation will further enhance the socio-economic development of Botswana.



## Specific Issues Raised By The Group

- Fixed line operator should also be offered the opportunity to participate in mobile with own infrastructure.
- We should look at the voice market as a whole instead of fixed versus mobile.
- Government to continue supporting BTC to expand to areas that are still not covered.
- Universal Service Fund must have clear rules on how it is going to work and all operators must be treated equally.
- The playing field for voice must be level to allow fixed to participate in mobile



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- Inconsistency between recommendation 6 and 8
- “The BTA would permit a period in which BTC could carry out rebalancing before full liberalisation is implemented”
- “The BTA should issue an unlimited number of licences for fixed voice services at some time during the rebalancing programme.
- Recommendation 8 and 10 not at tangent
- Recommendation 8 allows mobile operators to provide their own fixed network without going through the tendering process whereas recommendation 10 requires BTC to go through a tendering process to enter the mobile business.



## OTHER ISSUES

- Number portability has not been addressed in the report.
- The implications of liberalisation in terms of security as it affects the country have not been addressed.