

## **PROCEDURE FOR HEARING OF OBJECTIONS BY THE ICT AUTHORITY**

With a view to afford a fair hearing to all interested parties and to promote due diligence, transparency and good governance in the processing and determination of an application for a licence under **section 24** of the **Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Act**, the Authority has decided to lay down the hereunder procedures for the hearing of objections under **section 24** of the **ICT Act**, for the benefit of all interested persons.

1. All applications for licences under **section 24** of the **ICT Act** may be inspected during office hours within 14 days of the date of publication by any interested person, upon giving advance notice of same to the Authority.
2. All objectors shall forward their grounds of objections together with their notice of objections.
3. The Authority shall, after having communicated all the grounds of objections to the applicant, hear all objections at its earliest convenience.
4. Depending on the number of objectors and the number of objections per objector, the Authority reserves its rights to hear one or more objectors at the same hearing or alternatively, to hold additional hearings for one or more objectors.
5. All hearings shall take place in the presence of the applicant, which will be afforded a right to reply all objections raised against its application.
6. All parties to a hearing may be assisted by their respective legal and/or technical advisors
7. No hearing shall be postponed except on good cause shown.

**ICT Authority**  
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