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Mauritius moves a step closer to Mobile Number Portability

Port Louis – The Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICT Authority) today opened a three-day Mobile Number Portability (MNP) Validation Workshop, bringing together key stakeholders of the telecommunications sector to help shape the framework for the implementation of MNP in Mauritius.

The workshop, being held from 07 to 09 October 2026, will focus on the review and validation of the Draft Call for Application for an MNP Service Provider Licence. Once implemented, MNP will allow mobile subscribers to change network operator while retaining their existing mobile number, a reform aimed at strengthening consumer choice, competition and service quality. Cabinet has also recognised these expected benefits in taking note of the progress of the MNP project in May 2026.

The sessions will be driven by an International Telecommunication Union (ITU) consultant, bringing international expertise to the validation process. The workshop will also benefit from a regional perspective, with a representative of the Seychelles Communications Regulatory Authority (SCRA) participating to share Seychelles' experience with Mobile Number Portability and lessons from its implementation.

The initiative represents a logical progression in the evolution of Mauritius' national numbering framework. In September 2013, the ICT Authority successfully implemented the migration of mobile numbers from seven to eight digits, adding the leading digit "5" to existing mobile numbers. More than a decade later, MNP takes this evolution further by moving from the management of numbering resources towards giving consumers greater freedom over how they use and retain their mobile number.

MNP also forms part of the Government's wider digital transformation agenda. The 'Digital Transformation Blueprint 2025–2029 – A Bridge to the Future', launched in May 2025, also provides the national roadmap for a more inclusive, competitive and future-ready digital Mauritius. Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation, Dr the Hon Avinash Ramtohul, has since identified Mobile Number Portability among the projects being pursued under the Blueprint.

Dr the Hon Avinash Ramtohul, Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation, who intervened via video conferencing, stated that the MNP project reflects Government's commitment to translating the Digital Transformation Blueprint into concrete measures that benefit citizens:

"Mobile Number Portability is ultimately about empowering consumers. It will give Mauritians greater freedom to choose their mobile service provider while keeping the number that has become part of their personal and professional identity. This is the type of citizen-centred reform that our digital transformation agenda seeks to deliver."

Mr Tassarajen Pillay Chedumbrum, Chairperson of the ICT Authority, highlighted the importance of collaboration in taking the project forward:

"The implementation of Mobile Number Portability requires a framework that is robust, practical and

adapted to the realities of the Mauritian market. This is a logical step since the implementation of the migration of mobile numbers from 7 to 8 digits in 2013. This workshop gives all stakeholders the opportunity to contribute their expertise and collectively shape a sustainable framework for Mauritius.”

For Mr Atishay Sookun, Executive Director of the ICT Authority, the workshop represents a decisive transition from policy development towards implementation:

“The validation of the Draft Call for Application is a critical milestone. The contributions received over these three days will help us finalise a framework capable of attracting a viable MNP Service Provider and establishing the foundations required to make number portability a reality for consumers.”

The workshop will continue until 09 October 2026, with stakeholders examining the regulatory, technical, operational and commercial dimensions of the proposed framework.

Through this initiative, the ICT Authority reaffirms its commitment to promoting innovation through effective regulation while fostering greater consumer choice and healthy competition in Mauritius' telecommunications sector.

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