



# Communications Commission of Kiribati

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TO CONDUCT A CONSULTATION ON DEVELOPING RULES FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS

In accordance with Section 66 of the Communications Act of 2012, the Communications Commission of Kiribati (the Commission) shall make Universal Access Rules prescribing the operation of a Universal Access Fund and the provision of services pursuant to a Universal Access Plan and its project plans. Accordingly, the Commission gives notice that it has initiated a consultation process during which interested parties may submit their comments and views regarding its proposal for such rules.

The primary purpose of the proposed Universal Access Rules is to promote access to affordable communications services for everyone in Kiribati. Specially, these rules propose to:

1. Establish and administer a universal access fund to support persons and service providers who qualify for funding needed to bring communications services to low income and isolated customers and communities
2. Identify communities, population groups and communications services in need of financial support
3. Establish procedures to select qualified persons and service providers for support under the universal access fund.

Responses to this Notice should include any information or rationale to support expressed positions, recommendations and arguments. Responses should be in writing and include the name of the person or company/institution/association and their contact details, including email address if applicable. In the interest of transparency, the Commission will publish all written responses to this consultation on its website, subject to the confidentiality of any information that the respondent has marked as confidential.

The deadline for the receipt of responses to this Notice is 6 December 2014 at 4:15 p.m. local time. Responses can be submitted to the Commission by:

1. Email: [consult@cck.ki](mailto:consult@cck.ki)
2. Post: P.O. Box 529, Betio, Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati
3. In person at the offices of CCK located in Betio, Tarawa.