

Online Platform on Digital Response to Covid19 May 26, 2020

Opening Statement from A4AI-Ghana National Coordinator, Dr. Kwaku Ofosu-Adarkwa

On behalf of The Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI) Ghana Coalition and on behalf of the Champs for our four thematic groups namely

- Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access
- Taxation
- Consumer Advocacy and Pricing Transparency
- Research and Data Collection

The meeting is open to all stakeholders committed to promoting policy and regulatory reform to make affordable internet possible in Ghana and I welcome you to this first of the series of on-line meetings that we have planned to use to continue to support our consultative programme with the view to submitting policy recommendations to the ICT Sector Ministry based on our agreement.

In saying so let me on behalf of the A4AI sincerely thank the Hon Minister Mrs. Ursula Owusu-Ekufu (MP) for her quality time devoted for this meeting. We are mindful that many sector advisors from both the MoC, NCA and GIFEC are all on line as we adopt this new normal of on-line meeting to help drive the ICT sector development forward to impact on affordability and easy access to the Internet as Resource for development.

As per the Agenda on Ghana's Digital Response to COVID-19 Demand, the Hon Minister will give her policy statement and will be followed by CEO of Ghana Chamber of Telcom Dr Ing Ashigbey, He will be followed by Dr Bello Moussa (Head of Innovation and Strategy Hwawei Southern Africa who is no stranger to the A4AI-Ghana platform, Mr Peter Appiahene of Department of Science Informatics and Natural Univ of Energy and Natural Resources, Onica will next have the floor to give us highlights of Africa Covid-19 Brief, We will then request Onica to open the space for Qand A and wrap up thereafter.

1. **Closing thank all and indicate the next meeting will be on the subject *Delivering quality IT training in lock-down situation*, Moderated by KACE DG Mr. Adu-Gyan. Notification will be appropriately sent.**

