

Memorandum Of Understanding

This MOU is a basic agreement between RASCOM, RascomStar-QAF and NEPAD e-Africa Commission for the establishment of a partnership in view of the implementation of the NEPAD e-School Satellite Network and the NEPAD ICT Broadband Infrastructure Network using RascomStar-QAF satellite system dedicated to the African continent.

Whereas NEPAD e-Africa Commission, the NEPAD ICT Task Team has the mission to Develop a broad NEPAD ICT strategy and comprehensive action plan with the objective of: Accelerating the development of African inter-country, intra-country and global connectivity, and Promoting conditions for Africa to be an equal and active participant in the Global Information Society.

Whereas RASCOM has the mission to promote the infrastructure for national and international public telecommunications services in Africa,

Whereas RascomStar-QAF, through the concession agreement with RASCOM, has the mission to implement the RascomStar-QAF satellite system and required ground network to ensure remote area telecommunication services coverage to the entire continent, and also pan-African connectivity between African countries,

Whereas these entities have a complementary mission aimed at reducing the digital divide within the African continent,

The three entities agree to establish a common framework in the scope of their complementary missions, in order to implement and promote the NEPAD e-Schools Initiative and the NEPAD ICT Broadband Infrastructure Network within the entire continent using RascomStar-QAF satellite service system. In this extent the entities agree to set up a committee to :

- 1/ establish and support the NEPAD e-Schools Satellite Network in order to provide connectivity to the rural schools in the NEPAD e-Schools Initiative;
- 2/ qualify the current NEPAD e-Schools in the Demo Project in order to adapt it to the current RASCOM satellite system requirements,
- 3/ study the modalities to expand the NEPAD e-schools to cover the entire continent;
- 4/ establish a financing scheme for the implementation of the NEPAD e-Schools satellite Network;
- 5/ elaborate a business model to ensure the viability of the NEPAD e-Schools Satellite Network;
- 6/ take advantage of the RASCOM satellite to establish a back up network for the NEPAD ICT broadband infrastructure network.

This committee which will be composed of six members, two from each of the three entities will be constituted within the month of February and will start activities as soon as possible in order to deliver their conclusions by December, 31, 2010 with the objective to start the implementation in January 2011. The mandate of the committee will last until the submission of their conclusion.

The Parties choose *domicilia citandi et executandi* for all purposes of and in connection with this agreement as follows:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have set their hands on the date set forth above.

Signed at _____, Ethiopia, this ____ January 2010

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