

## Functions of Adamawa State Information Technology Development Agency (ASITDA)

### 6. *Functions of the Agency*

The Agency shall:

- (a) Create a framework for the planning, research, development, standardization, application, coordination, monitoring, evaluation and regulation of Information Technology practices, activities and systems in Adamawa State and all matters related thereto and for that purpose and which without detracting from the generality of the foregoing shall include building a digital economy and providing universal access for Information Technology and systems penetration including rural, urban and under-served areas;
- (b) Provide guidelines to facilitate the establishment and maintenance of appropriate infrastructure for Information Technology and system application and development in Adamawa State for public and private sectors, urban-rural development, the economy and the government;
- (c) Develop guidelines for electronic governance and monitor the use of electronic data interchange and other forms of electronic communication transactions as an alternative to paper-based methods in government, commerce, education, the private and public sectors, labor and other fields, where the use of electronic communication may improve the exchange of data and information;
- (d) Develop guidelines for the networking of public and private establishments;
- (e) Develop guidelines for the standardization and certification of Information Technology Escrow Source

Code and Object Code Domiciliation, Application and Delivery Systems in Adamawa State;

(f) Render advisory services in all Information Technology matters to the public and private sectors.

(g) Create incentives to promote the use of Information Technology in all spheres of life in Adamawa State including setting up of Information Technology parks;

(h) Create incentives to promote the use of Information Technology in all spheres of life in Adamawa State including the development of guidelines for setting up of Information Technology system and knowledge parks;

(i) Introduce appropriate regulatory policies and incentives to encourage private sector investment in the Information Technology industry;

(j) Collaborate with any Local or State Government, company, firm or person in any activity which in the opinion of the Agency is intended to facilitate the attainment of the objectives of this Act;

(k) Determine critical areas in Information Technology requiring research intervention and facilitate Research and Development in those areas;

(l) Advise Government on ways of promoting the development of Information Technology in Adamawa State including introducing appropriate Information Technology legislation to enhance national security and the vibrancy of the industry;

(m) Accelerate Digital transformation, internet and intranet penetration in Adamawa State and promote sound Internet Governance by giving effect to the Second Schedule of this Act; and

(n) Perform such other duties, which in the opinion of the Agency are necessary or expedient to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Agency under this act.

(o) to monitor and assess the States cyber security posture, develop and enforce cyber security standards, guidelines, and best practices, establish and maintain a cyber incident response team, conduct regular cyber security audit and risk assessment:

(p) provide technical support and training to government agencies, businesses and individuals:

(q) acquire, deploy, and manage cyber security tools and technologies;

(r) collaborate with other states, federal agencies and international organisations on cyber security initiatives;

(s) recommend legislative and regulatory measures to enhance cyber security to combat cybercrime;

(t) to monitor and enforce compliance with privacy and data protection laws;

(u) receive and investigate complaints regarding violation of privacy rights and data breaches;

(v) impose sanctions and penalties on entities found in breach of data protection regulations.

(w) provide guidance and assistance to organisations in implementing data protection measures; and

(x) collaborate with other state agencies, federal authorities and international bodies on Data Protection Initiatives.