



COMMUNICATIONS  
AUTHORITY OF KENYA

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED GUIDELINES ON APPLICATION AND USAGE OF DIGITAL VIDEO BROADCASTING IDENTIFIERS AND LOGICAL CHANNEL NUMBERS IN DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL TELEVISION NETWORKS

The Communications Authority of Kenya (CA), is the regulatory agency for the ICT industry in Kenya with responsibilities in telecommunications, e-commerce, broadcasting and postal/courier services. CA is also responsible for managing the country's numbering and frequency spectrum resources, managing and administering the Universal Service Fund (USF) as well as safeguarding the interests of consumers of ICT services..

The Kenya Information and Communications Act, 1998 (as amended) mandates the Authority to licence and regulate broadcasting services in Kenya. In furtherance of the responsibility of promoting and facilitating the development of a diverse range of broadcasting services in Kenya in keeping with the public interest as provided for under Section 46A (a) of the Act, the Authority has proposed guidelines on implementation of the harmonization of the identification of channels in Digital Terrestrial Televisin (DTT) Networks that will result in channel sorting being done using Logical Channel Number (LCN) descriptor instead of the current provision of Programme Service Indicator/Service Indicator.

The implementation of Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB) identifiers has the advantage of providing consumers with ease of access to DTT content as well as enabling broadcast signal distributors and broadcasters to prioritize broadcasting services.

The guidelines detail the requirements for the adoption and use of Original Network identification, Network Identities and Logical Channel Numbers (LCNs) in Kenya. It also provides guidance to the Broadcast service providers that will assist them in providing the correct details in the application forms for LCNs.

The objective of this consultation on guidelines on implementation of DVB identifiers and logical channel numbers is to allow stakeholders and the public provide feedback and suggestions on improvement of the proposed guidelines.

The proposed guidelines are available on the Authority's website at <https://www.ca.go.ke/open-consultations>.

Stakeholders, including members of the public, equipment vendors, and broadcasting licensees are invited to submit their specific inputs and views on the proposed guidelines on the application of DVB identifiers and logical channel numbers.

Written comments on specific proposals on the guidelines and any other suggestions shall be sent to the address indicated below or via email address [DVB-LCN@ca.go.ke](mailto:DVB-LCN@ca.go.ke) on or before the close of day on **28th February 2025**.

The template for providing comments is downloadable on: <https://www.ca.go.ke/open-consultations>.

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