IPADS IN PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA

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iPads in Parliamentary Business

- In 2013, a strategic decision was made by Parliament of Uganda to use ICTs in Parliamentary Business

- This landmark intervention paved way for acquisition of computer tablets (iPads) for the legislators.

The iPad Project

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The Objectives of iPad Project

- To operationalise centralized electronic Document Management for effectiveness and efficiency of Parliamentary business
- To cut costs on paper by embracing a paper-less Parliament
- To facilitate access to internet and mobile computing

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Use of Paper in Parliament

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Project Implementation

- Amendment to Rules of Procedure to allow use of electronics in chamber
- Procurement of 386 iPads for all members of Parliament
- Wireless Network (APN)
- Parliamentary Information System using Alfresco

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MPs Using iPads

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Impact of iPads in Parliament

- Improved management of electronic Parliamentary documents and records
- Access to online information made easier, improving quality of debates
- Drastically reduced expenditure on paper
- Increased communication and discussion through Parliamentary email amongst the members

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Challenges

- Limited bandwidth (Internet) leading to controlled access to social media
- Lack of productivity software
- Public out cry particularly CSO about the facilitation of members with iPads

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Lessons to Pick

- Parliamentary Business can be greatly improved through use of ICTs
- Availability of ICT Infrastructure
- Political will to use ICTs in Parliament
- Continuous capacity building of Members and technical staff

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How have other Parliaments managed the journey to towards a *"paperless parliament"* using ICT?

What opportunities does a *"paperless parliament" offer to* parliamentary libraries and research services

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THANK YOU

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