As Uganda marks 55 years of Independence, the country-established Uganda Communications Commission agency with a principal goal of developing a modern communications sub-sector and infrastructure in Uganda, in conformity with the operationalisation of the telecommunications policy. Mr. Godfrey Musahati, the executive director, spoke to Daily Monitor on a range of issues.

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The Uganda Communications Commission is the regulator of the communications sector in Uganda, and its mandate covers broadcasting, telecommunications and postal/telegraph services. This sector has over the years registered unprecedented growth, and is ranked amongst the fastest growing in Africa. The Commission works through its subsidiaries, to provide access to basic ICT services to the general public in the sphere of innovation. Many of the previous ADB users, such as Broadband and Internet Access Services applications – just to mention a few – have gone on to make regional and international acclaim. On May 22, 2017 – Yenka Digital Network, one of the ADB users in 2015, were announced winners in the Africa Technology Forum. This was the sixth edition of the prestigious forum, which runs the theme of ‘Empowering the Digital Century’. Yenka Digital Network, under the HCCU’s guidance, has established a pragmatic ICT focussed on youth across the country through digital communications, to provide access to relevant information and skill sets.

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