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# ACTIVATION OF UNIVERSAL ACCESS IN KENYA



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# Agenda

1. Outlook of sector
2. Legal and regulatory framework provisions
3. ICT Access Gaps
4. Regulatory Interventions/Challenges
5. Glimpse of Techno-Park underway



# Sector Overview in figures

➤ Sector liberalized in 1999

➤ Outlook in 2012:

Kenya's Area  
coverage -  
582,646 Sq. KM

Population  
40 Million

4 mobile  
operators

1 fixed line  
operator

29.6 million  
mobile  
subscribers

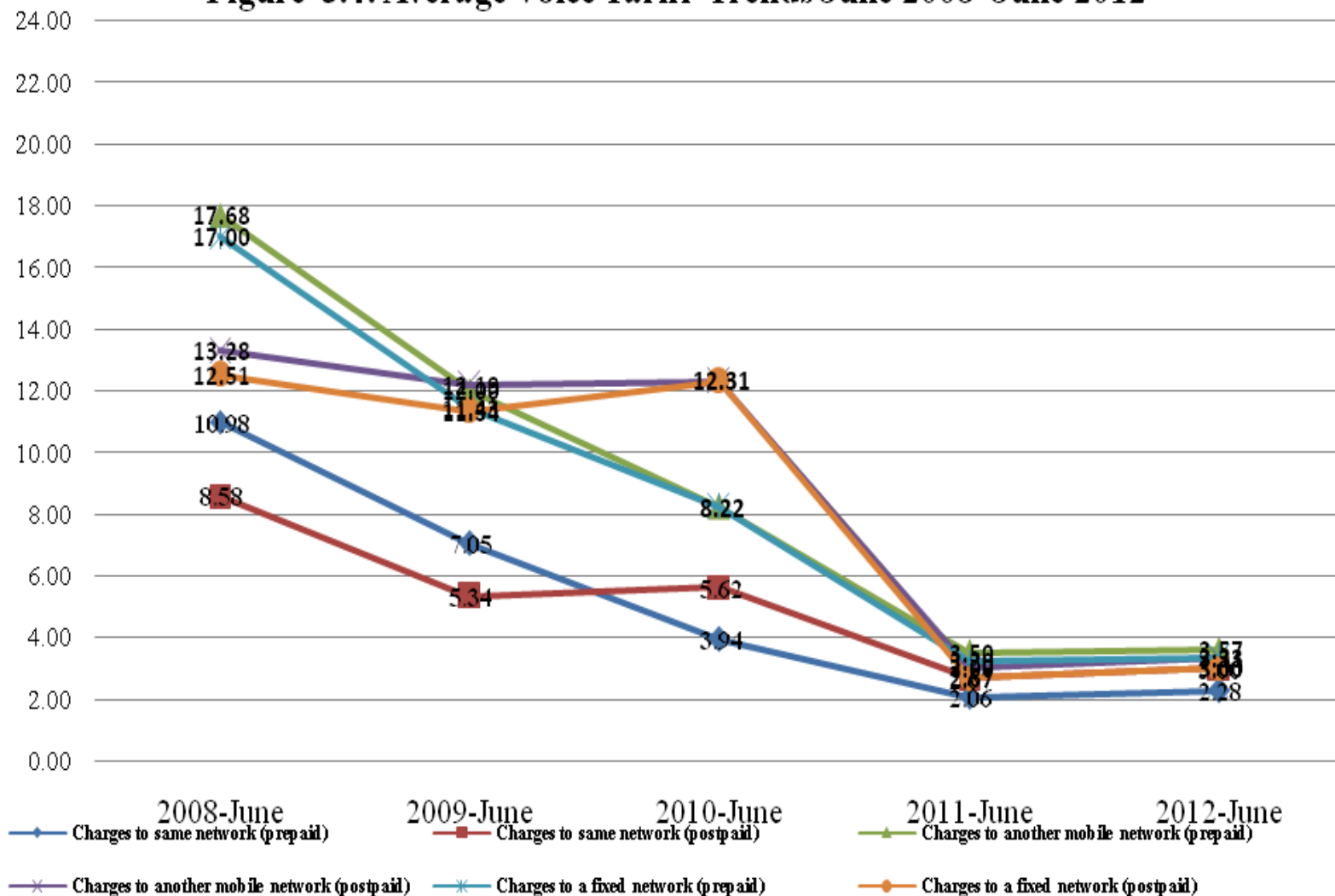
Mobile  
Terrestrial  
coverage –  
30%

Mobile signal  
Population  
coverage -  
70%



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### Figure 3.4: Average Voice Tariff Trends June 2008- June 2012



# Legislation Provision

## Kenya Information & Communications Act, Cap 411 A (2010)



Established Universal  
Service Fund (USF)

Levy Guide – Max. of 1% of  
Gross Revenues of licencees

Established the Universal  
Service Access Council  
principle ( to consist of a  
maximum of 7 members)



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# ICT Sector Policy Guidelines – 2006

**Access by all citizens**

**Promote availability of internet**

**Ensure education and training**

**Affordable prices of ICT services**

**Financing Options – Government; USF;  
PPP**



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# Identifying the Access Gap



# Access Gaps in ICT

## Voice Gaps

1. Population (11%)
2. Geographical Coverage (66%)

## Data Gaps

1. Population (72%)
2. Geographical Coverage (97%)

Gap Study reviewed various structures and institutional frameworks and recommended extension of reach through investment subsidies



# Regulator's Initiatives

## Creation of Unit to deal with Universal Access

- Effected in 2006

## Provision of seed capital for Fund

- Ksh 1 Billion = USD 11.8m=GBP 7.4 m

## Initiated pilot projects

- School-based ICT Centres
- ICT Centres in Learning institutions for PWDs
- E-Resources Centres in Public Libraries
- Web Portal for PWDs
- National Broadband Strategy

# USF Implementation Challenges

- **The Fund is established by Law but the contribution has not commenced**
- **Appointment to the Universal Service Advisory Council has not taken place**
- **New Constitution requirements – US measures must be able to meeting demands from the county government in a devolved system**



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## KONZA CITY – AFRICAN SILICON VALLEY

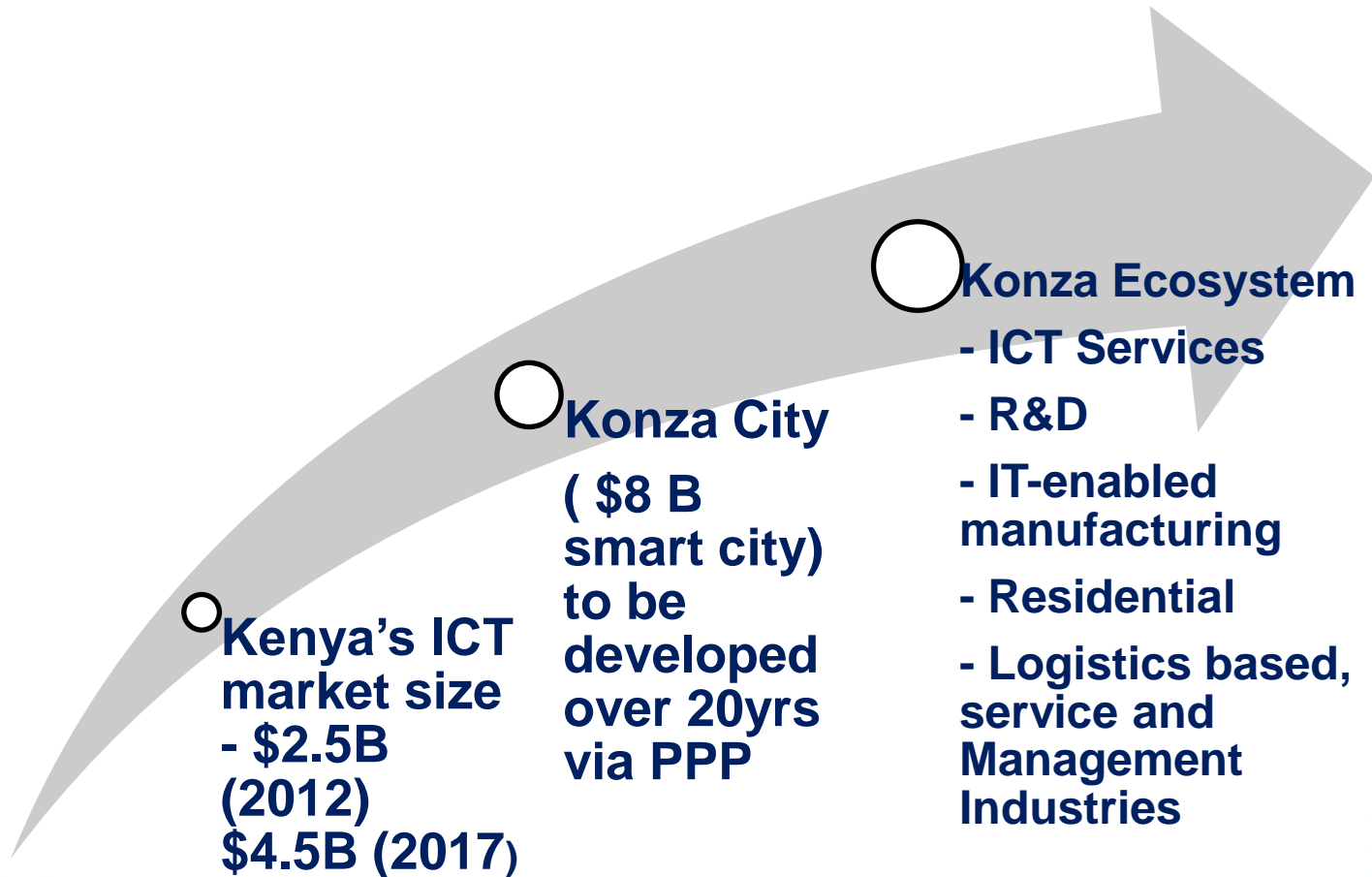


**Kenya gaining recognition as Africa's hub for ICT investment**



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# Konza City at a Glance





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# Thank You



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