

Abstract

In the last five years or so, Nigeria's telecommunications industry has experienced a substantial transformation with the teledensity increasing from 0.5 in 1999 to 3.3 in 2004. These changes have been triggered largely by the full liberalization and reform of the telecommunications sector. These have led to a higher penetration of telecommunication services and a more vibrant telecommunication industry, especially since the introduction of GSM services. This work discusses the effects of regulatory reform, particularly during the last five years (1999-2004), the level of penetration of services, policy, as well as the role and hitherto, achievements of the regulatory agency, Nigeria Communication Commission. Finally, recommendations are made on the way forward that will improve on the current teledensity and delivery of affordable and quality telecom services.