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Local ICT Entrepreneurs key partners in Mobile Government Strategy

During a meeting held between the Chairman of the ICT Business Section within the Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry Mr. Francois Grech, and MITA Executive Chairman Mr. Tony Sultana, the latter confirmed that a Mobile Government Strategy will be published by end of 2016 and reiterated that local ICT entrepreneurs have a crucial role in the development and implementation of the Mobile Government Strategy.

The ultimate objective is that of enabling mobility within the Public Service, and making public and national services more accessible through mobile technology. Mr. Sultana said that "shifting to mobile technology is the way forward to keep government ICT services relevant". The signed co-operation agreement between the Government of Malta and the Government of the United Arab Emirates on 10th February 2016 is a manifestation of this strategy. This will enable local entrepreneurs to develop practical mobile solutions for citizens, businesses and public administration, also in line with the objectives of Digital Malta.

Mr. Grech said that the Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry is confident that local ICT Companies have the necessary skills to support Government's vision in developing a 'mobile first' approach and accentuated the need for the local industry to continue investing in its resources to sustain the upcoming strategy.

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