

# **“Structural Reform in Telecommunications: Building the Foundations of the Digital Economy”**

## **Key Takeaways**

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- 1. Understanding the digital supply chain is key to identifying the key challenges in Philippine telecommunications.**
  - However, the supply chain for the big telcos (upstream) is different from the supply chain of small operators (downstream) (e.g., cable broadband providers)

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## **2. Barriers to entry must be addressed to unlock the potential of PH telecoms.**

- Cost – must look at source of bottleneck
- Licensing – must be updated and simplified
- Civil works – costs beyond actual network

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## 3. PH Internet can thrive in diversity

- Non-telco ISPs such as cable operators are connecting suburban communities
- Fixed-line broadband providers are now collectively serving as many subscribers as big telco
- Policy reform should enable different types of players to build broadband infrastructure