To what extent does the legislative, policy and implementation framework for universal connectivity address the readiness, capability, and capacity of various stakeholders?

**Document Analysis**

**Presidential Review Commission**
- **Year**: March, 1996
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To address the processes of transforming the state and its public services from an instrument of repression to an engine of democracy and positive interactions in society.
  - Policy strength: 5.2 Recognises the need to improve the state's role in providing education and training infrastructures.

**Communications 2000 known as Constant**
- **Year**: October, 1996
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To examine the role of and interaction with local government and to service the business sector.
  - Policy strength: Chapter 1.7 defines what constitutes universal access for electronic communication services.

**The White Paper on Transforming the Public Service Delivery (Nature 1423 of 1997)**
- **Year**: October, 1997
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To provide ICT infrastructure in rural areas.
  - Policy strength: 4.4 Recognises the need to improve the state's role in providing education and training infrastructures.

**Electronic government, the digital future, a public service for all**
- **Year**: February, 2001
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To promote the use of ICTs for the provision of public services.
  - Policy strength: The role of the DoC is recognised in the policy.

**Electronic Transaction Act (Act No. 194 of 2005)**
- **Year**: August, 2002
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To promote the use of ICTs for the provision of public services.
  - Policy strength: Does not recognise the DoC as the champion for ensuring that rural ICTs are accessible.

**Electronic Communications Act (Part I) of 2005**
- **Year**: 2005
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To promote the use of ICTs for the provision of public services.
  - Policy strength: Does not incorporate the PRC in its policy.

**Telecommunications in South Africa**
- **Year**: 2007
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To support the use of ICTs for the provision of public services.
  - Policy strength: Does not promote the affordability of connectivity for citizens who access it from their private internet cafes and does not provide subsidies or discounts for underserved areas.

**USASA definition of universal access and the National Access Framework**
- **Year**: February, 2010
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To promote the use of ICTs for the provision of public services.
  - Policy strength: Does not provide guidance in terms of electronic accessibility.

**USASA definition under serviced and needy people and regulation**
- **Year**: September, 2012
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To promote the use of ICTs for the provision of public services.
  - Policy strength: Does not provide guidelines in terms of electronic accessibility.

**Broadband draft policy**
- **Year**: 2010
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To facilitate the provision of affordable, accessible, universal access to broadband communication to citizens, businesses, communities and other spheres of government and to stimulate the use of broadband communication services in order to promote economic development.
  - Policy strength: Does not provide subsidies or discounts for underserved areas.

**Municipal Systems Act (Acts 217 to 290 of 2003)**
- **Year**: 2003
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To facilitate the provision of affordable, accessible, universal access to broadband communication to citizens, businesses, communities and other spheres of government and to stimulate the use of broadband communication services in order to promote economic development.
  - Policy strength: Does not provide guidelines in terms of electronic accessibility.

**Tracing service centre business plan**
- **Year**: 2005
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To facilitate the provision of affordable, accessible, universal access to broadband communication to citizens, businesses, communities and other spheres of government and to stimulate the use of broadband communication services in order to promote economic development.
  - Policy strength: Does not provide guidelines in terms of electronic accessibility.

**Towards an ICT rural development strategic framework**
- **Year**: 2001
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To facilitate the provision of affordable, accessible, universal access to broadband communication to citizens, businesses, communities and other spheres of government and to stimulate the use of broadband communication services in order to promote economic development.
  - Policy strength: Does not provide guidelines in terms of electronic accessibility.

**Presidential Communication Commission**
- **Year**: 2006
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To provide the DoC with the power to provide information communication technologies.
  - Policy strength: Does not provide the DoC with the power to provide information communication technologies.

**Incumbents and new entrants**
- **Year**: 2007
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To promote the use of ICTs for the provision of public services.
  - Policy strength: Does not promote the affordability of connectivity for citizens who access it from their private internet cafes and does not provide subsidies or discounts for underserved areas.

** 좨라한 서비스 공공 영역 및 법률**
- **Year**: 2012
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To promote the use of ICTs for the provision of public services.
  - Policy strength: Does not provide guidelines in terms of electronic accessibility.

**GCS**
- **Year**: Applied by cabinet in 2005
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To facilitate the provision of affordable, accessible, universal access to broadband communication to citizens, businesses, communities and other spheres of government and to stimulate the use of broadband communication services in order to promote economic development.
  - Policy strength: Does not provide guidelines in terms of electronic accessibility.

**Towards an ICT rural development strategic framework (Discussion document)**
- **Year**: 2000
- **Policy statement on connectivity**
  - Objectives: To provide the DoC with the power to provide information communication technologies.
  - Policy strength: Does not provide the DoC with the power to provide information communication technologies.
To what extent does the legislative, policy and implementation environment for rural connectivity address the readiness, connectivity, capability and functioning factors?

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<td>Limpopo provincial growth and development plan 2009-2011</td>
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<td>Recognises that ICTs play a role in rural development and poverty eradication programmes hence the use of ICT as a means and right to ensure that our people have access and hence are not left in the fringes as the sound</td>
<td>The strategy focuses its ICT interventions towards the achievement of broad-based development goals in areas such as health, education, economic opportunity, empowerment and participation. This will be achieved by providing connectivity to the Thusong ser</td>
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