

MOBILE PHONE REGISTRATION FOR A DEVELOPING ECONOMY: GAINS AND CONSTRAINTS

Marvis I. Aririguzo

Federal Polytechnic Nekede, Owerri
NIGERIA

Emmanuel C. Agbaraji

Federal Polytechnic Nekede, Owerri
NIGERIA

ABSTRACT

The continues increase in the number of mobile phone users and the terrifying increase in the rate of criminal usage of the device, demands for the a strict monitoring of the user behavior in order to checkmate the security status in most developing countries. In order to achieve these goals, the registration of this device becomes imperative. This paper focuses on the mobile phone registration for especially the developing economy by studying the gains, challenges and constraints of this scheme. It was concluded that the proper registration which involves SIM (Subscriber Identity Module) card and mobile phone IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) number registration, will aid the developing economy especially in addressing issues such as impersonation, kidnapping and other criminal activities

Keywords: Mobile phone, IMEI, SIM, IMSI, Subscriber.