

A new low power computer was launched in Kampala last week. The computer system uses three options of power supply including solar and a normal 12V battery as an alternative source to conventional power.

The computer was launched by a California based company, Inveneo with support from the Ugandan government, through the ministry of Information and Communication Technology.

“It has been designed to specifically address the key ICT challenges faced in regions of the developing world, specifically Africa,” said Inveneo CEO and co founder Mark Summer.

The computer will help to address such issues as

- Lack of dependable electricity - or no electricity
- Extremely tight budgets for ongoing operations and maintenance
- Punishing physical environments - extreme heat, dust and humidity
- Lack of ICT experience at the administrative and end-user level

“This is a solution to the undependable electricity. With the introduction of such cheap technology, everyone whether in the urban or rural areas can afford to access a computer,” said Ministry of state for ICT Alintuma Nsambu at the launch of the revolutionary computer. Nsambu wants the computer to be available in the rural schools of Uganda where there is no electricity. It is affordable and costs about US\$650. I believe this is a good solution to the power problems we face in Africa especially in the telecentres. For people in Uganda who would like to purchase the low power computer, you can visit the suppliers of the Inveneo computers at

Computer depot
21 Cham towers
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