

DIGITAL ECONOMY FOR AFRICA INITIATIVE

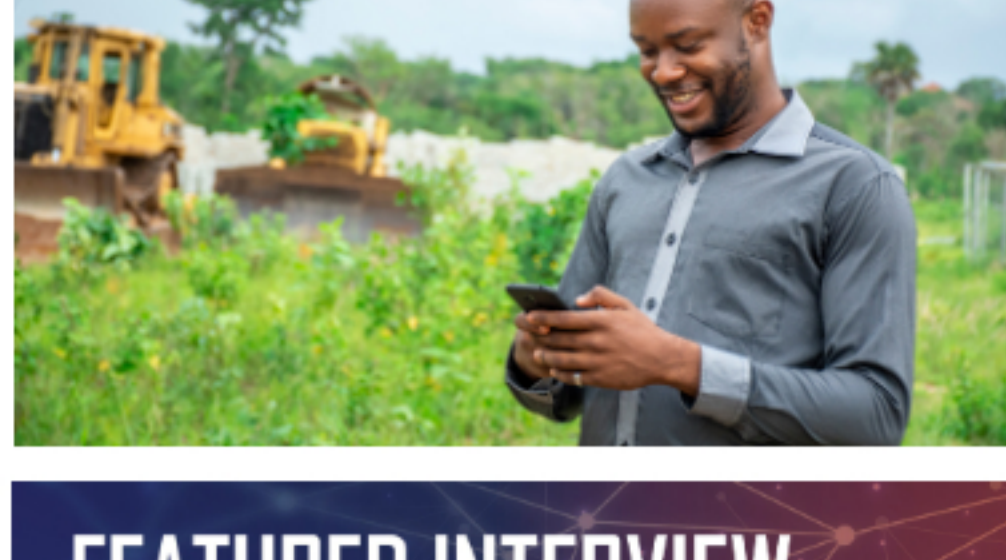
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The [Digital Economy for Africa \(DE4A\) Initiative](#) is working to ensure that every person, business, and government in Africa is digitally enabled by 2030. Achieving this digital transformation will take a collective commitment by all African countries, development partners and the private sector to massively scale up resources dedicated to building the foundations of a vibrant, inclusive and safe digital economy throughout the continent.

VOICES FROM THE FIELD



"Climate smart agriculture will benefit farmers, who represent 70% of Eswatini's population, by increasing the productivity of their lands and enhancing their livelihoods. Implementing the recommendations of the Digital Economy Diagnostic for Eswatini would make a tangible contribution to the development of Eswatini's economy," says Marie Francoise Marie-Nelly, Country Director for South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho and Eswatini. [More information](#)

FEATURED INTERVIEW



Victoria Kwakwa, Vice President, Eastern and Southern Africa, World Bank

In this interview, Dr. Kwakwa talks about how digitalization offers transformative solutions to create jobs and tackle poverty across Eastern and Southern Africa, and the importance of building momentum to accelerate an inclusive digital transformation in the region. [More information](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON PROJECTS



In Comoros, a Jump in Mobile Internet Use Shifts the Economy

The telecom sector in Comoros has gone through significant growth and development driven by market liberalization, network expansion and access to digital services. [Read more](#)

Digital and Energy Connectivity for Inclusion in Madagascar

The project proposes a set of interventions to increase access to reliable and affordable energy and digital services, with a focus placed on including underserved communities. [Read more](#)

Expanding Affordable and Climate Resilient Broadband to People in Senegal

In addition to expanding digital access, the Digital Economy Acceleration Project for Senegal will make it easier for people to use online government services and find their medical records. [Read more](#)

IMPACT STORIES



What's Next for Digital Acceleration in the Republic of Congo

This work is not just about telecommunications. It is about transforming the lives of Congolese people and letting them reap the full benefits of technology across sectors like education, health, business, and more. [Read more](#)



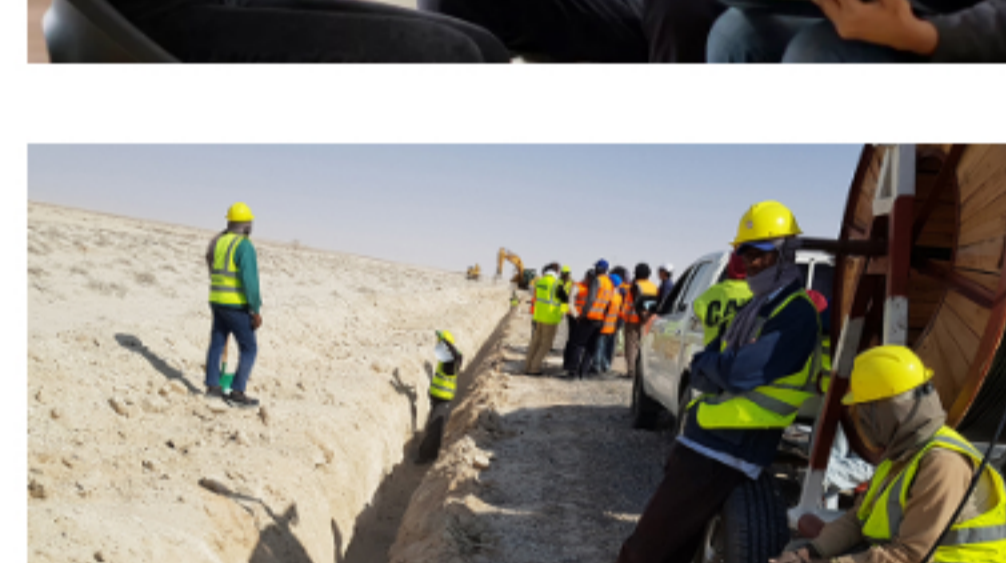
Equipping Leaders with the Tools for Digital Transformation

Government policies and regulations are vitally important key to building digital services and protecting users and businesses from risk. But cooperation and agility matter. [Read more](#)



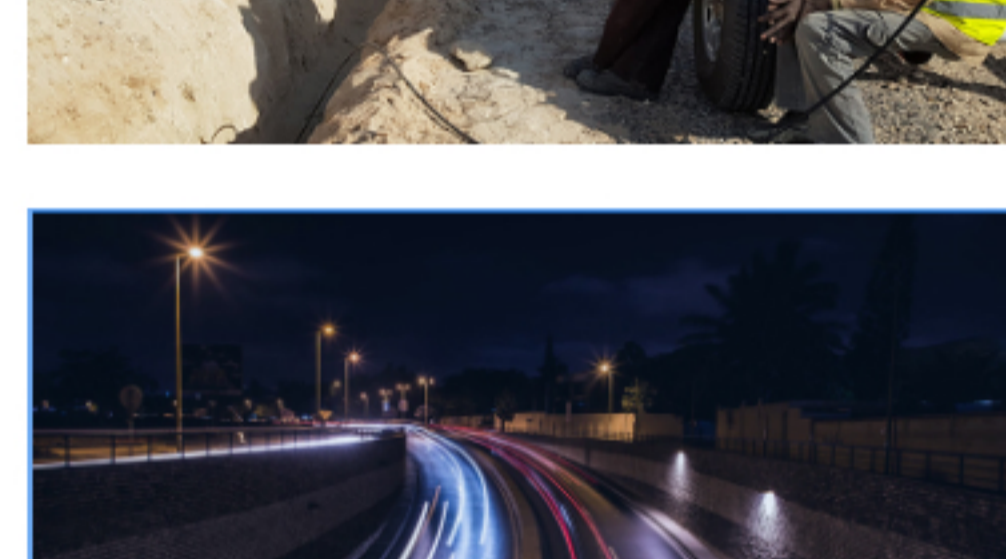
Building a Connected Africa: The Path to a Single Digital Market and a Prosperous Future

A single digital market and better connections across land borders will lower barriers to trade and communication. Even now, regional links are sparking economic growth and creating jobs. [Read more](#)



Extending the Reach and Reducing the Costs of Broadband Communications in Mauritania

Ten years ago, Mauritania had limited access to international connectivity. But 1,700 kilometers of fiber optic cable helped build the backbone for mobile internet services. [Read more](#)



Africa's Corridors of Life: Financing the Infrastructure Gap in Western and Central Africa

Investment in infrastructure, both digital and physical, is crucial to connect Western and Central African states. [Read more](#)



How Three Award-Winning Startups Are Building a Better Future for Africa

The AfricaTech Awards is a new initiative from IFC and VivaTech that highlights tech innovations making a difference in Africa. [Read more](#)



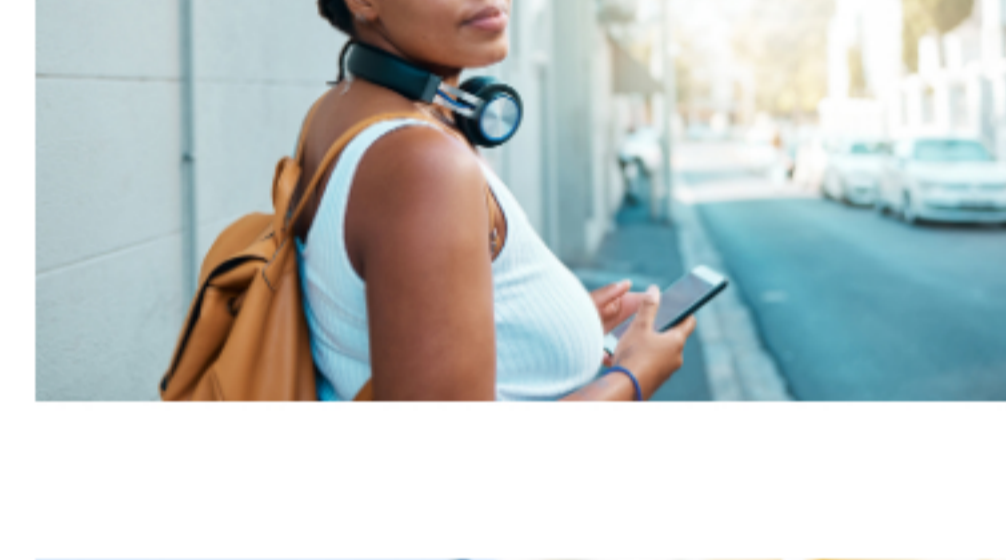
Digital Economy Diagnostic Work Kicks Off in Equatorial Guinea

Areas of analysis will focus on key pillars, including financial services, digital business, digital skills, and digital platforms. [Read more](#)



Madagascar's Drive to Develop Digital Skills, Create Jobs

IFC is working with the Malagasy government to improve advanced and specialized IT skills training. [Read more](#)



New Opportunities for Trainings Through Collaboration with Orange, Solutions for Youth Employment Team

A new agreement with the digital corporate company, Orange, will provide World Bank teams access to a range of skilling resources, free of cost, through Orange's Digital Centers, across the Middle East and North Africa and West Africa regions. [Read more](#)



Regional Digital Transformation Can Help Power Development in Africa

A recent call for regional transformation came at the Digital Economy Digital Conference in Nigeria, hosted by the Economic Community of West African States. [Read more](#)

KNOWLEDGE, RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS



Digital Africa: Technological Transformation for Jobs

Digital technologies can drive employment for the more than 22 million Africans joining the workforce each year. [Read more](#)



Opening ICT in Djibouti for Cheaper and Better Services—and Growth

Since the start of 2022, global conflict, inflation, and severe drought have hit Djibouti's economy hard. Growth is expected to recover this year and next. [Read more](#)



Putting Science and Analysis Behind Decisions on Universal Access

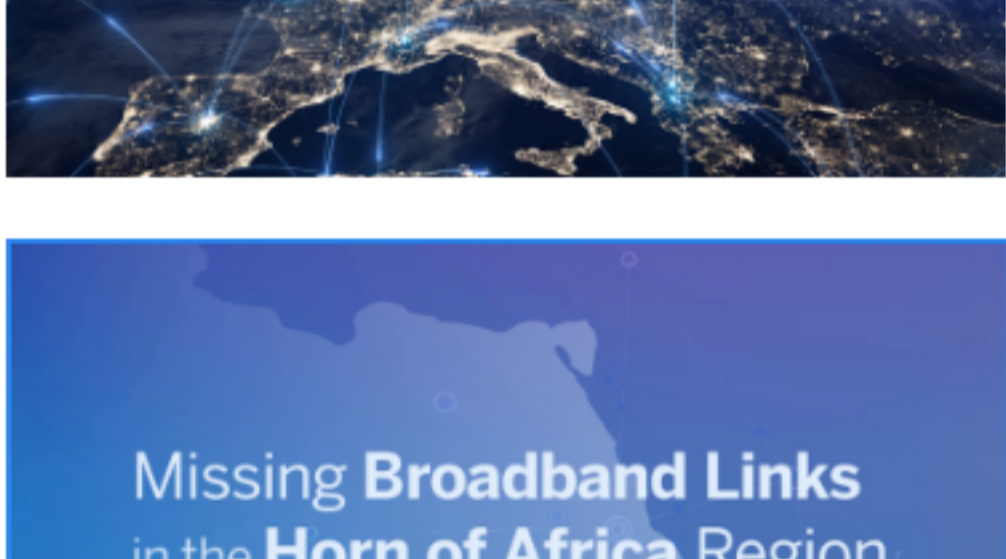
Goal 9 of the Sustainable Development Goals aims to provide universal affordable broadband globally by 2030. [Read more](#)



Missing Broadband Links in the Horn of Africa Region

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A World Bank report looks at digital infrastructure in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, and South Sudan to identify gaps in cross-border networks, content localization, and national fiber backbones. [Read more](#)



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Digital Hotspots: Developing Digital Economies in a Context of Fragility, Conflict and Violence

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DRC Economic Update: Digital Inclusion for Equitable Growth

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, digital development can be a key factor in reducing poverty and boosting inclusive growth. [Read more](#)



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Congo's Road to Prosperity: Building Foundations for Economic Diversification

Focusing on digital transformation will be a critical way for the Republic of Congo to accelerate efforts to transition to a people-centered, diversified economy. [Read more](#)

DIGITAL ECONOMY COUNTRY DIAGNOSTICS



Eswatini

The Digital Economy Diagnostic for Eswatini provides an assessment of the country's digital infrastructure, platforms, financial services, skills, and entrepreneurship. [Press release](#) | [Read report](#)

MULTIMEDIA



Watch: Building Connectivity in Mauritania

Topography and the pandemic made building the country's fiber optic network challenging, but 1,700 kilometers of cable now connect Mauritians. [Watch here](#)

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