

East Africa Fiber Optic Trench



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AI Overview

The East Africa Fiber Optic Trench is part of a rapidly expanding terrestrial and cross-border fiber network connecting key countries and submarine cable landing stations across the region. Overview of East African Fiber Infrastructure East Africa's fiber optic network is a critical digital backbone supporting data centers, cloud services, fintech, and enterprise connectivity. The region has seen significant expansion in both submarine and terrestrial fiber. Kenya, for example, has seven operational submarine cables landing in Mombasa, with additional cables like Africa-1 and Daraja expected by 2026-2027. These undersea cables are complemented by extensive terrestrial fiber backbones linking Nairobi to Mombasa, Uganda, Rwanda, and Tanzania, forming major Tier-1 routes that support high-capacity data transmission. Cross-Border Fiber Corridors A key development is the Horizon Fiber Initiative, a tripartite agreement between Ethio telecom, Djibouti Telecom, and Sudatel Group. This project establishes a cross-border optical fiber corridor connecting submarine cable landing stations in Djibouti through Ethiopia and extending toward Sudan. The corridor is designed to be multi-terabit, scalable, and secure, enhancing regional connectivity, redundancy, and resilience while linking East Africa to global digital networks. Such corridors are essential for supporting cloud adoption, AI, enterprise digitalization, and cross-border data flows. National Fiber Backbones Kenya: Extensive national backbone connecting major cities and neighboring countries, supporting both enterprise and residential c...

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The East African Submarine Cable System (EASSy) project consists of the construction of approximately 10,000 km of fiber optic submarine cable along the East African coast, linking Sudan

Multinational

Project General Description The EASSy project is an initiative to construct and operate a submarine fibre-optic cable along the east coast of Africa to connect 20 coastal and land-locked

Fiber Optic Expansion in East Africa: The Infrastructure ...

Tower companies operating across East Africa — IHS Towers, Helios Towers, ATC Africa — provide the passive infrastructure layer that fiber, mobile, and increasingly small-cell

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Tanzania and Kenya just launched a fiber link that could reshape East ...

On July 18, 2025, Tanzania and Kenya officially launched a cross-border fiber optic connection linking Dar es Salaam and Mombasa. The joint project marks a major step toward strengthening regional

Mapping high speed internet networks in Sub Saharan Africa

We partnered with the World Bank, Mozilla, the International Telecommunications Union, and the Community Broadband Network to map terrestrial fibre optic networks. Fibre optic networks are the

Submarine communications cable

The optic fiber used in undersea cables is chosen for its exceptional clarity, permitting runs of more than 100 kilometres (62 mi) between repeaters to minimize the number of amplifiers and the distortion

East Africa: Undersea Fibre-Optic Cable Nears the Coast

The wait for the landing of an undersea fibre-optic cable to boost communication in the region could be coming to fruition as indications point that one arm is almost at the East African coast.

Fibre Optic Networks Reshaping Africa's Digital Future

Africa is amid a digital awakening, and fibre optic technology is central to this shift. Once seen as an expensive extra, fibre has become the backbone of modern communications, offering far

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA OPTICAL FIBER ROLL-OUT

The project concerns the deployment of fibre optics networks in regions of Eastern Africa where, either this kind of networks are not available, or they are expensive and unreliable. In both

East Africa invests a combined US\$400m in fiber

Five East African countries are investing a combined US\$400 million in terrestrial fiber optics for backbone cables that, when complete, will provide a vast network for Internet connectivity.

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With 12,000 kilometres of fibre-optic cables, the first of its kind backbone will span Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa, close regional “missing links” and address the quality, speed, and cost-effectiveness

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Build enterprise-grade fiber optic networks with Spectrum Engineering Africa. End-to-end planning, trenching, cabling, testing, and SLA-backed support across East Africa.

Africa Telecom Transmission Map

This map shows the reach of WIOCC's regional fibre optic network, which reached 75,000-km during 2024. WIOCC's regional network comprises the national transmission backbones of its shareholders

OII | Development and Broadband Internet Access in East Africa

Overview East Africa was the last major region on Earth without fibre-optic broadband Internet access, and until the summer of 2009 had been forced to rely on slow and costly satellite connections for

Submarine cables and the East African internet — what's the story?

As countries continue to roll out fibre optic infrastructure further into the hinterlands and last-mile access to customers, access to the global Internet largely depends on submarine cables.

Building a transformative subsea cable to better connect Africa

The first subsea cable system to seamlessly connect East and West Africa across a single open system, 2Africa will enable new avenues of communication from coast to coast. In

EAST AFRICAN SUBMARINE OPTIC FIBRE PROJECT

The project involves providing a high capacity optic fibre sub-marine cable running the total length of eastern coast of Africa. This would then provide the whole eastern board of the Continent with

Wired and Wireless: The Fibre Optic and Satellite Infrastructure ...

The deployment of fibre optic networks across East Africa is reshaping the region's digital infrastructure. Central to this transformation are ambitious projects like the Horizon Fiber Initiative, a

List of terrestrial fibre optic cable projects in Africa

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Fiber-optic leap bridges African digital divide

Though tech giants have invested heavily in high-performance digital infrastructure — more cell towers, faster networks — Africans across the continent still grapple with sluggish internet ...

Telecom Civils

Construction of Broadband fibre optic telecommunication sites in close proximity to railway lines, taking fibre optic cables from network facilities to the adjacent

The Impact of Fiber Optic Networks on Africa's Digital Landscape

Africa is undergoing a digital revolution, and at the heart of this transformation lies fiber optic technology. Once considered a luxury, fiber optic infrastructure has become an essential

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