

## 'Africa Connect' network launched

Aimed at enhancing Africa's connectivity with the rest of the world and add to the data carriage capacity in the continent, Bharti Airtel ("Airtel") has recently announced the launch of its Africa Connect network.



Africa Connect is expected to contribute to growth of internet and data services in the continent, which is home to some of the fastest growing telecom markets in the world.

Africa Connect has an integrated fiber and satellite network with 42 Points of Presence (PoP) spread across 17 African countries. The network will offer a variety of integrated telecom applications and solutions. The suite of products in the area of Global Transmission and IP Services include Submarine Capacity, Global leased circuits, Ethernet and Backhauls, Global and regional IP Transit, Managed Internet, Bandwidth on demand for customers, a comprehensive suite of Satellite and Managed Services portfolio to enterprises and carriers in the region. The network is supported by infrastructure built by other regional carriers.

Andre Beyers, chief marketing officer, Airtel Africa said, "With Africa seeing a significant jump in the growth of data and connectivity this initiative will help us in meeting the bandwidth requirements and diverse needs of our customers. The Africa Connect network will be a major catalyst as the continent moves into the next phase of digital growth and enhance the growth of internet and data services."

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