

Internet speed increased in Mombasa, Nairobi

Internet service provider iWayAfrica Kenya says the increase of submarine cables on the East African coast has enhanced internet speed in Mombasa and Nairobi but the inland region remains underserved.



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It pointed out that the advent of cables such as EASSY, TEAMS, SEACOM and LION2 has meant that internet connectivity in Kenya is extensive on the coastal city of Mombasa where the cables land, but other than connecting the capital city Nairobi, there is a dearth of real broadband everywhere else inland.

Ken Munyi, Managing Director of iWayAfrica Kenya said infrastructure remained a key challenge especially for telecommunication providers.

Same major challenges

"While recent research has listed Kenya third on the African continent in terms of average broadband speeds per country, we face the same major challenges as most in the ICT sector, being able to reach far into the rural areas where people are in dire need of connectivity," says Munyi.

"It is in these remote places where terrestrial or copper based technologies cannot reach and ISP's such as iWayAfrica have been forced to find inspired ways to resolve the issues."

Capacity to help transform Africa

Munyi nonetheless concurred with research that the ICT sector had the capacity to help transform Africa and allow the continent to become a fully joined up member of the global knowledge economy.

"East Africa, Kenya in particular, has seen some great progress. There has been some excellent collaboration between public and private sectors aimed at increasing ICT adoption as well as raising awareness of the endless benefits of ICT. This is not only for individuals but also for the economy."

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