

China-Africa Power Fiber Optic Cable Fusion



Article Overview

The China-Africa fiber optic collaboration, highlighted by the 2Africa submarine cable, is a transformative digital infrastructure project connecting 33 countries across Africa, Europe, and Asia with up to 180 Tbps capacity.

Overview of the 2Africa Cable

China Mobile officially activated the 2Africa East Segment on November 7, 2025, in Nairobi, Kenya, marking a major milestone in Africa's digital transformation . The 2Africa system is one of the world's largest subsea fiber-optic networks, designed to deliver up to 180 terabits per second (Tbps), significantly enhancing cross-border connectivity and reducing latency for international data traffic . The cable links 33 countries across Africa, Europe, and Asia, providing a robust backbone for internet services, cloud computing, and digital trade .

Strategic Significance

For African nations, particularly Kenya, the project complements national initiatives like the Digital Superhighway and Creative Economy agenda, which includes deploying 100,000 kilometers of terrestrial fiber optic cable, establishing 25,000 public Wi-Fi hotspots, and building ICT hubs in every ward . The cable strengthens regional digital infrastructure, lowers internet costs, improves reliability, and supports the growth of startups, educational institutions, and government digital services . From China's perspective, the project aligns with the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) a...

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Some segments of the 2Africa system deploy up to 16 pairs of optical fibers, with a main trunk design capacity of up

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diversify their networks— reducing dependence on US/Western cables. As home to one of three critical cable choke points—the

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The two sides welcome the success of the China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue held in South Africa and the launch of the

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An example is the recently announced Chinese-funded "Smart Burkina" project which consists of the installation of fiber optic network

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Nairobi- Kenya and China have made a breakthrough in digital infrastructure cooperation, as they officially activated

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ity of supply chains and other activity that supports economic growth. Chinese energy imports from MENA, and much of its trade from

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