

Civilian fiber optic cable in Democratic Republic of Congo



Overview

The Democratic Republic of the Congo has partnered with China's Genew Technologies to build a fiber-optic route along the Congo River worth US\$1. On June 25, 2026, the government, through the Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Digital Affairs, signed a memorandum of understanding with China's Genew. The project consists in the construction of 10,000 km of fibre-optic cables as part of a regional backbone in 5 countries, including backbone as well as metro networks. The 5 countries covered by the project are located in Central and Southern Africa and includes: the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Democratic Republic of Congo is considering a new approach to expanding its national fiber optic network. Through this partnership, the country officially launches the construction of its.



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Construction of fibre-optic cables in the Democratic Republic of Congo ...

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Massive BCS fiber route & Orange digital center coming to DRC

The European Investment Bank (EIB) has signed an agreement with wholesale telecommunications infrastructure provider Bandwidth and Cloud Services (BCS) to build new fiber

DRC Plans 2,100 km Fiber-Optic Corridor Along the Congo River

The proposed project covers about 2,100 kilometers of infrastructure, including 1,700 kilometers of fiber-optic cable along the Congo River from Muanda to Kisangani and nearly 400

Press coverage and references

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DR Congo govt partners with two Chinese firms to build national fibre ...

DR Congo govt partners with two Chinese firms to build national fibre-optic cable The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is partnering with two Chinese companies, Genew and

DR Congo: Second phase of national fiber optic backbone completed

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, the cities of Kinshasa and Kasumbalesa are now connected via the fiber optic. This segment which is the second phase of the national fiber optic

Optical Fiber Backbones in DRC: A Strategic Project

Submarine cables, landing stations, and backbones, are essential infrastructure to develop connectivity and guarantee network quality, however, they are expensive. In the Democratic Republic of the

DRC Explores River Corridor Project to Expand National Fiber Optic ...

The objective is to establish major connectivity corridors that would strengthen the country's future national network. According to the ministry, the project would use the Congo River

DR Congo €8B Digital Plan: What It Includes (Telecom, Infrastructure ...

To improve connectivity, the project plans to deploy between 37,000 and 50,000 miles (60,000–80,000 kilometers) of fiber-optic cable across all 145 territories.

Fiber Optic Coverage and Internet Usage Statistics in Democratic ...

Overview of fiber optic infrastructure and internet usage statistics in the Democratic Republic of Congo for 2026, highlighting digital growth and connectivity.

Economic Impacts of Submarine Fiber Optic Cables and Broadband ...

This study explores the economic impact of the international data connectivity delivered by submarine fiber optic cables (“subsea cables”) on the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Democratic Republic of Congo: EIB Global proceeds with support for

More than 2.5 million people living in the eastern regions of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) will benefit from faster, cheaper and more reliable digital connectivity thanks to new

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Country Commercial Guide Learn about the market conditions, opportunities, regulations, and business conditions in Congo, the Democratic

The challenge of connectivity in the Democratic Republic of Congo ...

“Under the terms of the contract, Benya will cooperate with the Democratic Republic of Congo to fund, build and operate the fiber optic network in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

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DRC unveils AfDB-backed 600KM Fibre Optic Cable project

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has launched a €66.55 million fibre optic cable project, a significant leap towards enhancing its digital infrastructure.

Benya DRC

As part of Benya Group efforts to lead digital transformation across Africa, Benya Group will deploy a fiber optic network in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This project will form the foundation

SOCOF and APCSC to deploy fibre along new roads in the DRC

Congolese Fiber Optic Company (SOCOF SA) has reportedly signed a partnership with the Agency for the Coordination and Monitoring of Collaboration Agreements (APCSC) to deploy

DRC Plans Tender for 11,500 km National Fiber-Optic Network

The Democratic Republic of Congo plans an international tender for the construction and operation of a national fiber-optic backbone spanning more than 11,500 kilometers, including 1,500

DRC plans \$1.5B fiber-optic project along Congo River

The Democratic Republic of the Congo's (DRC's) Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Digital Affairs, has partnered with China's Genew Technologies to build a fiber-optic project

Democratic Republic of the Congo's "Fiber Optic Highway" Announces ...

Fast Congo, a subsidiary of network solutions company Paratus Group in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), has announced that its 620km fiber optic network link between Muanda on the west

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The project concerns the second phase of the construction of a fibre optic backbone in DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo), focusing on underserved areas of the eastern part of the

A diversity of downtime: the Q4 2024 Internet disruption summary

The African Undersea and Terrestrial Fibre Optic Cables (AfTerFibre) map shows that in addition to connecting with networks to the north and south in Tanzania and Uganda, it appears that

Fiber optics in the DRC: A strategic partnership for a digital leap

Through this partnership, the country officially launches the construction of its national fiber optic network. This strategic infrastructure aims to bridge the persistent digital divide. According to

DR Congo Readies Tender for Nationwide Fiber-Optic Network

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