

Fiber Optic Cable Layout for the Monitoring System in the Democratic Republic of Congo



AI Overview

The DRC is deploying a 5,745 km terrestrial fiber optic backbone with carefully planned routes, cable types, and installation methods to support high-speed connectivity and monitoring systems.

Overview of the DRC Fiber Backbone

The Democratic Republic of Congo is implementing a fiber optic backbone network to connect major cities and key institutions, including schools, hospitals, and government offices, as part of a regional connectivity initiative . The backbone spans 5,745 km and is designed to provide high-speed, high-capacity connections, forming the main component of the national network . The project involves buried terrestrial cables, typically at a minimum depth of 1.2 meters, to ensure durability and protection against environmental and human-induced risks .

Cable Selection and Layout Considerations

For monitoring systems, particularly Distributed Fiber Optic Sensing (DFOS) such as Distributed Strain Sensing (DSS), Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS), and Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS), the following factors are critical :

- Fiber Type:** Single-mode fibers are preferred, compliant with ITU-T G.652/654/655 standards for long-distance performance, and G.657 for bend-insensitive applications. Ultra-low loss fibers are recommended for extended distances .
- Cable Construction:** Options include Fiber-In-Metal-Tube (FIMT) for high tensile strength and crush resistance, or all-dielectric cables for cost efficiency. Heavily armored cables should be avoided as they may reduce sensitivity for strain or vibration monitoring .
- Installation Method:** Cables can be directly buried, placed in conduits, or attached/embedded into structures depending on the monitoring objec...

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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

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Users Guide To Fiber Optic System Design and Installation

If the actual network to use the fiber optic cabling is not known, the best plan is to design, install and the test cable plant based on standardized fiber optic component specifications rather than any specific

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This 3-page document provides detailed designs for fiber optic cable installations at multiple MTN shelter sites in Congo. The designs include sketches of cable trench and conduit layouts, equipment

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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

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The FOA Reference For Fiber Optics

Fiber optic cables, especially backbone cables, may contain many fibers that connect a number of different links which may not all be going to the same place.

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

The Democratic Republic of Congo is considering a new approach to expanding its national fiber optic network. On June 25, 2026, the government, through the Ministry of Posts,

Distributed optical fibre sensor for infrastructure monitoring: Field ...

The optical fibre installation for tunnel monitoring mostly follows a similar layout, where at first, the cable is attached around the tunnel circumference, then it runs longitudinally over a certain

Cable Installation Considerations for Structure Monitoring

The most prevalent sensing technology for structure monitoring applications is DSS, which monitors strain related to mechanical loads of structures. Cables for DSS must be designed and installed in a

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

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).

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Given the complexity of this deployment and the need to secure its timetable as well as its investments, Facebook called on Sofrecom to carry out the preliminary study for the construction of a 5,745km

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