

## The Central African Backbone project, central pillar of the digital revolution in Gabon



The expansion of the fiber optic network serves to increase productivity and enhance administrative efficiency.  
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In 2010 Gabon was lagging far behind in the development of its digital sector. The cost of internet access was exorbitant and service quality left a lot to be desired. This was due largely to the monopoly enjoyed by the traditional provider, Gabon Telecom, and to the lack of fiber optic transport infrastructure in the country. Furthermore, the legal and regulatory framework of the sector was not conducive to the attraction of private sector investment.

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