

Rwanda 4G LTE project model wins global award

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Rwanda 4G LTE (Fourth Generation Long-Term Evolution Internet) has been feted with the Global Telecom Business Innovation Award for its innovative business model.



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The awards, organised by the Global Telecom Business Magazine, recognised Rwanda for developing a private public-partnership business model.

The awards also considered the innovative market structure through single wholesale network, and speed of rollout across the country.

The award went to the partnership between the Rwandan Government and Korea Telecoms, South Korea's largest telecommunications provider, who make up Olleh Rwanda Networks.

As principal shareholders, Korea Telecoms role was to bring in expertise and financial investments while the government was to lay a 3,000 kilometre-national fibre optic cable.

Rwanda commercially launched 4G Internet technology in November, last year, which is sold on wholesale basis by Olleh Rwanda Networks and retailed by several internet service providers, including telecoms MTN and Airtel.

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