SEACOM signs 20 year agreement with Mozambique

The Mozambican Ministry of Science and Technology has signed a 20 year agreement to access international broadband fibre connectivity on the SEACOM network to Europe and onwards to the rest of the world.

Beneficiaries of the newly acquired capacity include the Mozambique Research and Education Network (MoRENet) and the Government Electronic Network (GovNet), which are government-led projects established to improve online public service access and capability.

A truly African internet

The bandwidth will help MoRENet to deliver reliable and cost-effective, high-speed internet traffic to member institutions whilst creating the platform to share education and research content with other Nationwide Research Education Networks (NRENs) around the world.

Similarly, GovNet will be able to better support its mandate to improve eGovernment performance. GovNet currently interconnects government institutions at both central and provincial levels, with an aim to connect all state and government institutions through a single private data communications network.

Mark Simpson, CEO of SEACOM, said, "SEACOM is the ideal partner to provide the international connectivity that will complement Mozambique's extensive broadband data communications networks initiatives. Over the past three years, we have witnessed how the availability of true broadband at lower prices can accelerate educational initiatives and economic development across the region and we look forward to working with the Mozambican government to help build a truly African internet."

Both MoRENet and GovNet form an important part of the Mozambican government's ICT Policy Implementation Strategy. The policy covers all major areas of Mozambique's economy and society; tasked with creating an enabling environment for

societal upliftment, improved performance of both public and private sectors and most importantly the ultimate eradication of poverty in the country.

SEACOM brought cheaper, faster connectivity

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Dr. Evaristo Baquete, said, "The Mozambican government views affordable and high quality data networks as a vital tool to achieve the country's various developmental goals. SEACOM brought cheaper and faster international connectivity to this country and we believe that they are the partner of choice to continue to bring about positive changes to the country and its people."

SEACOM believes in a world where the African internet experience is characterised by abundant local content, minimal latency, fast download and streaming speeds, and interconnected African markets. Today, over a dozen countries across the African continent have access to SEACOM's low cost products and services via its extended network.

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