

Pan African Fiber Backbone. Is it possible?

from an *overall* African perspective not a technical nor economical problem

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Do stakeholders want it bad enough to co-operate?

And will I gain more than my neighbor?

The issue of trust and risk,



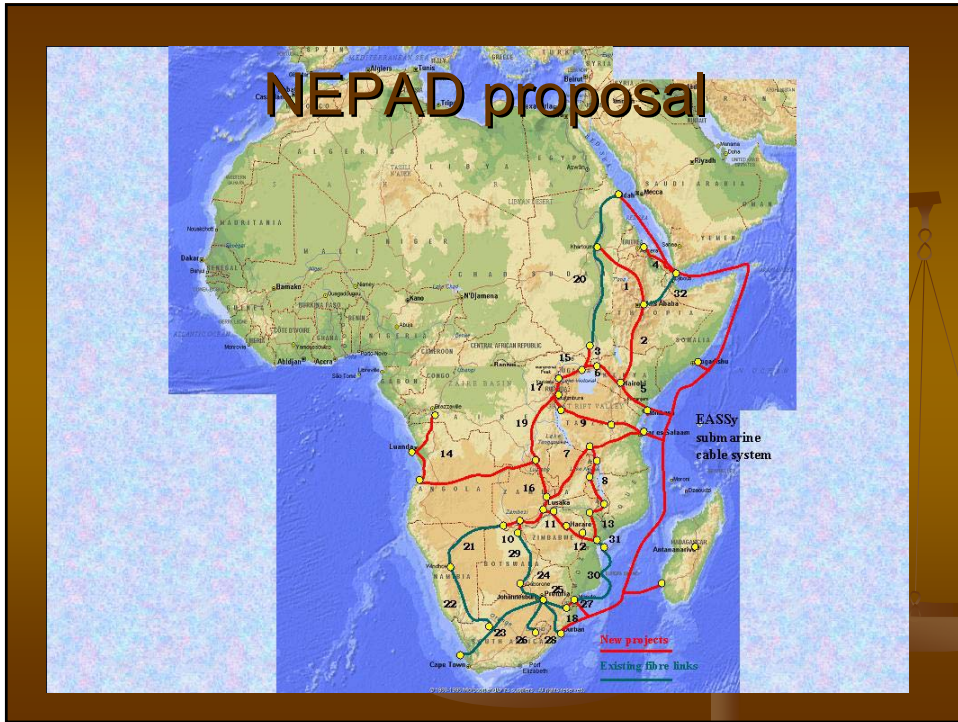
Creating trust

Breaking trust

Support / restrictions



- Donor interest and policy restrictions
- Commercial interest
 - local
 - international



Who will be allowed to participate?

- Closed Club? vs Open?
- Today? vs Tomorrow?
- Essential facility? => Cost related, non discriminatory usage
- Financial consequences

The architecture

- EASSy vs many linked networks
- PSTN vs IP

What if the concept of a separate international backbone with one gateway / country is a dead idea?

The ecosystems of Open Access and competitive environments exists, today!