## Abstract.txt How digital switchover can help to bridge Africa's digital divide

This presentation from the GSM Association will provide practical recommendations on using digital dividend spectrum to reduce the digital divide between urban and rural communities in Africa, through the roll-out of mobile broadband. It will cover key issues relating to the allocation of digital dividend spectrum to mobile, such as optimal band plans for African countries; how to avoid the risks of fragmentation, and the importance of regional harmonisation (with reference to steps currently being taken to achieve this goal in other regions of the world).