

Encouraging Widescale Deployment of Broadband in Africa - Policy and Regulatory Considerations.

Abstract

Having experienced explosive growth in mobile communications in Africa Administrations focus is now shifting towards broadband access for urban and rural communities. Today there are several wireless technologies, including 3G and OFDMA technologies, and numerous communications applications which can play a role in providing broadband access to populations in Africa. Recognizing the role of policy and regulation in enabling deployment of broadband, this presentation discusses some key considerations (including service licensing, spectrum choices and regional harmonization), challenges and options facing African Administrations as they position their respective communications sectors to achieve broadband growth and universal access.