

Gabon Profile (2018)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	1.0295
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	138.281
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	1.37306
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	91.8157
Households with a computer (%)	34.6603
Households with Internet access at home (%)	40.9843
Individuals using the Internet (%)	62

Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Lin MOMBO
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Président du Conseil de Régulation
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Autorité de Régulation des Communications Électroniques et des Postes (ARCEP)

Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	Ministère de l'Economie Numérique, de la Communication, de la Culture et des Arts
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Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2018)

Cable modem	N
Cable Television	N
Data2012	C
Domestic fixed long distance	M
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	M
Fixed Wireless Broadband	M
GMPCS (FSS/MSS)2008	C
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	C
International Gateways	C
International Fixed Long Distance	M
Internet Services	C
Leased Lines	C
Wireless Local Loop	C
Local Fixed Line Services	M
Mobile	C
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	N
Paging2002	P
VSAT	C
DSL	M

M: Monopoly
P: Partial competition (year when competition was introduced)
C: Full competition (year when competition was introduced)
N: N/A

Institutional Details (Latest data available: 2018)

Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2008]	Le Conseil de Régulation des Télécommunications est chargé d'approuver le budget de l'Agence de Régulation des Télécommunications
Legal document creating the regulator	Loi n°005/2001 du 27 juin 2001
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licence fees, percentage; • Government appropriation, percentage; • Spectrum fees, percentage; • Fines/penalties, percentage; • Regulated telecom operators • Regulated telecom operators percentage;, percentage of operator revenue (turnover);.
Regulator also regulates other utilities	
Reporting requirements of the regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to Board of ICT regulator • Report to President/Head of State • Annual report to Sector Ministry
Year separate regulator created	2001

Structure Regulator (Latest data available: 2018)

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Regulator is a collegial body	Yes
If Yes, please provide the total number of members/commissioners (including the Head). [2012]	7
Is the Head of the Commission also responsible for day-to-day administrative matters?	Yes
What is the normal period of appointment for the members and the Head of the Regulatory Authority? [2008]	La durée normale du mandat est de deux ans renouvelable
Please provide the total number of staff in the Regulatory Authority.	164

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2018)

Entity in charge of licensing	S	
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	R Op M*	M: négociations entre opérateurs soumis à la validation de l'Autorité
Entity in charge of price regulation	O R M*	M: Direction Générale de la Concurrence et de la Consommation
Entity in charge of technical standards setting	S R	
Entity in charge of radio frequency allocation and assignment	O R	
Spectrum Monitoring and Enforcement	O	
Entity in charge of numbering	R	
Entity in charge of type approval	R	
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring	R	
Entity in charge of universal service/access	S R	
Quality of service standards setting	R	
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	O R	

Broadcasting (sound transmission)	S
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	O
Entity in charge of Information Technology	S R
Entity in charge of Internet content	N

S: Sector Ministry

O: Other Ministry or Government body

R: Regulatory Authority

Op: Operator

N: Not regulated

M: If more than one entity or another body is involved in this function, please explain

Universal Service - services covered and operator obligations (Latest data available: 2018)

Definition of universal service/access exists	Yes
Universal access/service policy adopted	Yes
Voice services included in Universal service/access definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice telephony services • Fixed line private residential service as part of universal service definition • Individual mobile cellular service as part of universal service definition
Internet services included in Universal service/access definition	• Dial-up Internet access as part of universal service definition
Other services included in Universal service/access definition	• Directory services as part of universal service definition
Operators under universal access/service obligation	• Designated US Provider
Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices	Yes

Financing of Universal Service activities and/or Universal Service Funds (Latest data available: 2018)

Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations	• Universal service funds
Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service	No
If Yes, please explain [2015]	Le Fonds peut bénéficier d'autres ressources, notamment : - les concours des bailleurs de fonds, publics ou privés, désireux de contribuer au développement des services de télécommunications dans les zones défavorisées ou isolées de la République Gabonaise , - les participations des collectivités territoriales désireuses de favoriser le développement des télécommunications dans leurs circonscriptions.
Operational Universal Service Fund	Yes
If Yes, when?	
Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF	• All operators
Means of calculating USF contribution amounts	• Percentage of net revenues Percentage: 2% du chiffre d'affaires net de l'exercice précédant la mise en recouvrement de la redevance,
USF financed by other sources	No
USF budget financing by source (in percentage)	
Regulator administrating USF	Yes
If No, name the entity responsible [2005]	Le Ministère de tutelle représenté par l'ARTEL.

Interconnection issues (Latest data available: 2018)

Interconnection charging principle adopted	• Symmetric
If asymmetric charging, how it was decided?	Les tarifs des opérateurs dominants désignés sur la base du montant de leur recette (chiffres d'affaires) ont été encadrés.

Approach used to regulate interconnection prices (Latest data available: 2013)

Approach used to regulate fixed termination rates B

Approach used to regulate mobile termination rates B

LRIC: LRIC cost model
FDC: FDC cost model
B: Benchmarking
O: Other
N: None

NGN (Latest data available: 2018)

Stage of introduction of NGN system by operators • Completed

Cost model used (or planned) to calculate costs/tariffs of NGN Services • Other please specify: modèle BOTTOM-UP,

NGN - Regulation of IP networks (Latest data available: 2018)

Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Data Services No

Regulations that govern the use of IP networks for Voice Services No

USO: Regulatory arrangements subject to universal service obligations
I: Regulatory interconnection arrangements with networks using switching circuits
B: Banning of services based on IP
No: No regulatory arrangements defined at present
O: Other