

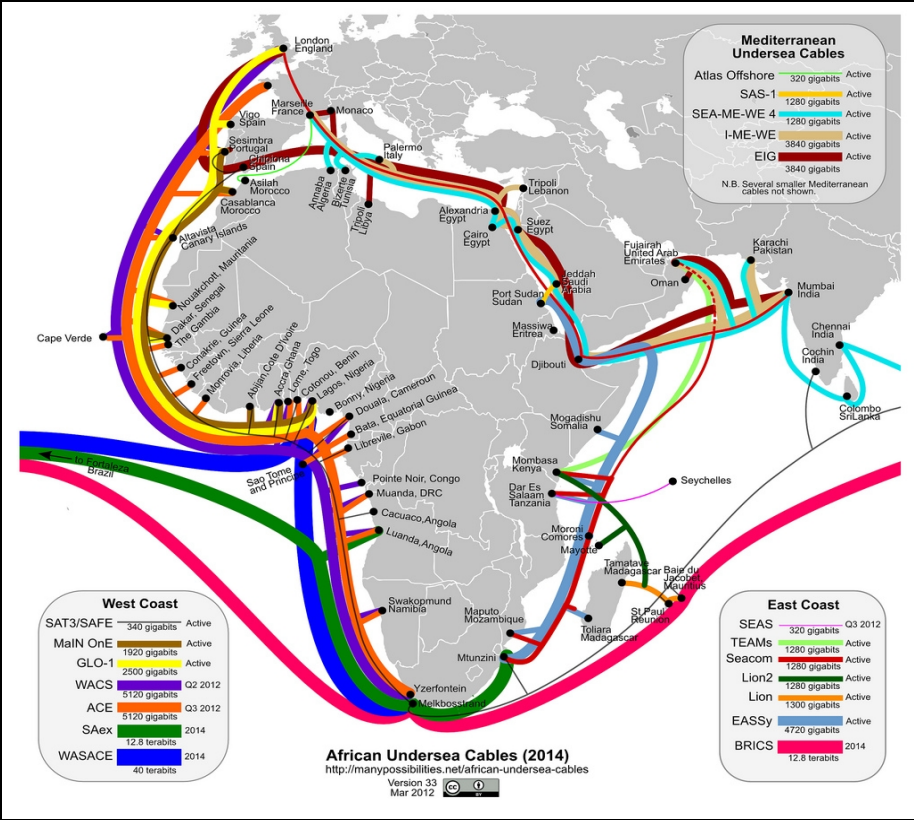
Cable connections and the cost of Internet access

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The “bigger” and “smaller” pictures



Where do I fit in the picture?

“Because I’m Involved”

- Tracking and participating in the Nigeria IGF
- Participating in the Côte d'Ivoire IGICI
- Chair of FOSSFA, manager of West Africa IGF
- Participated in the Central Africa IGF
- Active in the Africa IGF (AfIGF)
- Been working on IXP issues in Africa
- Been speaking on and blogging Internet Access
- Other life experience with Digital Solidarity Fund, ARAPKE and Connect Africa

Who owns the Internet?

“Nobody, but someone collects the cash”

- Telkom in South Africa
- Etisalaat
- MTN
- GLO
- VODACOM
- MainOne
- Aga Khan Foundation
- Development Financial Institutions
- France Telecom

Who pays how much/month?

“Random selection of prices for 1024 KBPS”

- Telkom South Africa – 797 Rands – 100\$
- Ethio Telecom, Ethiopia – 550 Birr - 30\$
- Tunisiana, Tunisia – 15 Dinars - 10\$
- Orange, France – 25\$ for 8MBPS
- Verizon, USA - 20\$
- AVISO, Côte d'Ivoire – 50000 Francs - 100\$
- Bitsyunet, Serbia – 2183 Dinars – 23\$
- Togo Telecom – 127,440 Francs - 250\$
- Orange Niger – 223,510 Francs - 445\$

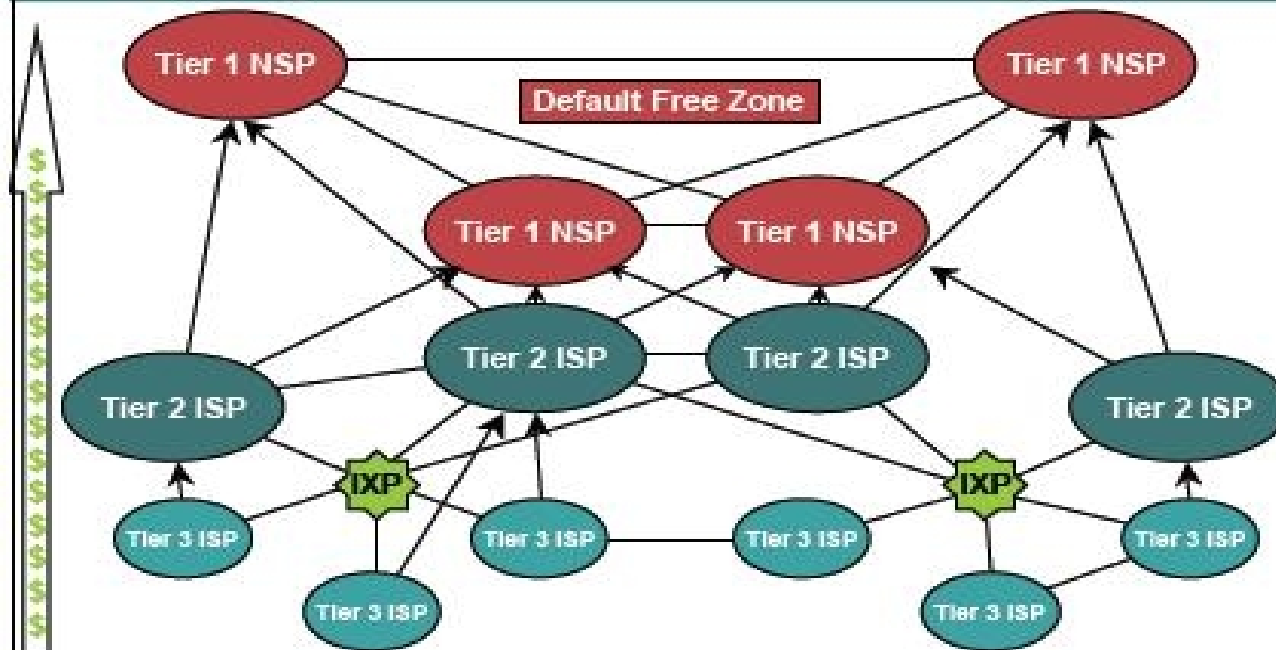
What EXACTLY are you paying for?

“This is where the money goes”

- To the cable owner/s for the investment
- For the investment bringing the cable inland
- For Electricity
- For transit (or non-peering)
- State taxes
- Monopoly
- Non regulation of quality of service
- ISP overhead

HOW COME? Tunisia is cheaper than USA?

Categorising ISPs

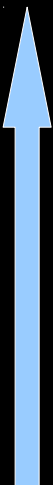




ISSUES

CHALLENGES

WORK



THANK YOU