

France-IX supports rapid Internet growth in Africa

A milestone of 10 African networks peering at France-IX has been reached, while 70% of African countries with French as first language are potentially accessible via remote peering solutions

Paris and Marseille, France– November 7, 2017 – [France-IX](#), the premier Internet Peering Service Provider in France, today announced that its presence in Africa expanded rapidly in 2017, making it the leading choice for African networks and content providers wishing to peer with its community of several hundreds of carriers, ISPs and content delivery networks. In addition, 2017 is seeing France-IX continue its programme of supporting the creation of new IXPs in Africa, the establishment of which is an important step in fostering Internet-based economic growth. This support mainly consists in providing training, equipment donation and technical assistance. France-IX started this initiative with CASIX in Morocco, followed by SENIX in Senegal, and is now planning to help Benin and Congo.

The rapid expansion of the France-IX community in Africa is due to a combination of new peering members joining the IXP in both its Paris and Marseille hubs and new connections via its remote peering partners with presence in Africa. Three new African networks – Angola Cables, Djibouti Telecom and Mauritius Telecom – were connected in 2017, bringing the total number of African members in the France-IX Paris and Marseille peering community to 10 (adding to AFR-IX, Gulfsat Madagascar, Ooredoo Tunisia, Oranlink/Islalink, Seacom, Telma and WIOCC). Three new remote peering partners also joined in 2017 – AFR-IX, Angola Cables and Telecom Italia Sparkle. Along with existing partner, BICS, these remote peering partners are now enabling more than 70 percent of African countries with French as its official first language to reach France-IX via a remote peering solution.

“We are delighted to support the rapid expansion of Internet connectivity on the African continent, by offering affordable, reliable, low-latency Internet peering services from France,” said Franck Simon, President at France-IX. “We are also looking forward to collaborating on the development of two new African IXPs, as this is a crucial part of building a sustainable domestic Internet ecosystem and their creation will stand as a positive marker of economic and social improvement.”

Africa, which is experiencing the most [rapid growth](#) of international Internet bandwidth, grew at a compound annual rate of 44 percent between 2013 and 2017. France-IX both contributes and benefits from this growth as 15 percent of its Marseille members are African ISPs who represent 30 percent of the total traffic exchanged in France-IX Marseille (with total traffic currently peaking at 100 Gbps).

About France-IX

France-IX is the Premier Internet Peering Service Provider in France, offering public and private interconnection services through its carrier and data centre neutral exchange points in Paris and Marseille.

France-IX interconnects several hundreds of telecommunications carriers, ISPs, content providers, content delivery networks and all other Internet networks worldwide with significant traffic in the Internet French market. This enhances the affordability and latency of the Internet traffic exchanged between its members and thus improves the overall quality of the Internet in France.

Founded in June 2010 with the support of the French Internet community, France-IX is a member-based association whose core values are neutrality, sustainability and constant improvement of the Internet. For more information go to France-IX website www.franceix.net

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