



Africa after the Africa Commission:

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e-Africa and m-Africa: How
can ICTs deliver?

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Africa: “the least wired region in the world”

- More people have access to mobile phones than fixed lines
- Mobile growth rates are the highest in the world
- Africa was responsible for 1 in every 7 new GSM connections globally in 2005
- However, there is disconnect between successes attained in the supply of mobile telephony, and the developmental impact of the technology



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- The G8 should: Commit to support, at global and national levels, “Open Digital Economies” that facilitate investment in and growth of Africa’s digital economies
 - Support and extend ongoing reform; and deepen regulatory capacity and action
 - Commit to the development and application of digital infrastructure in Africa



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- The G8 should: Commit to support, at global and national levels, “Open Digital Economies” that facilitate investment in and growth of Africa’s digital economies
 - Prioritise governance capacity in ICT infrastructure projects
 - Advocate for broader conceptualisation, and innovation of digital infrastructure



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Supporting Innovation

- The G8 should: Initiate a global collaborative Mobile Opportunities TaskForce to harness the development potential of mobile devices.
 - Establish working group to consolidate and map impact mobiles are having on Africa, and of the future they are helping to create.
 - Identify initiatives for creating and supporting enabling environments for innovation

