Investing in West & Central Africa's Networks and Services to Maximise Growth





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# 15-16 June 2011

Le Meridien, Dakar, Senegal

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Returning to Senegal, West & Central Africa Com is the only event dedicated to this region which includes the dynamic French speaking markets - some of the countries with the most potential of any in Africa

Investment has increased in West & Central Africa, and this trend is not likely to reverse in the years to come. The region still has relatively low penetration rate, a growing competitive environment, and great opportunities in mobile broadband and other value-added services. With Orange Group's expansion strategy in sub-Saharan Africa, and Bharti Airtel's acquisition of Zain Africa which has some of its strongest operations in the region, 2011 promises to be a good year for business.

West & Central Africa Com is a dual language event, covering virtually all of the French-speaking countries in Sub-Saharan Africa as well as other key markets such as Nigeria and Ghana. With a high-level programme and participation from the region's leading companies, it provides participants with a unique opportunity to learn, network and do business.

## A must-attend for anyone involved in West & Central African telecoms

- The best event to do business with telecom leaders in French-speaking Sub-Saharan Africa and other key markets
- A high-level strategic event supported by key governmental and telecom business stakeholders
- A unique location and superior venue to learn, network and do business in a relaxed environment

# Our unique operator-led conference agenda delivers the highest calibre speaker panels:



Souleymane Ndéné Ndiaye, Prime Minister of Senegal



Tiemoko Coulibaly, Chief Officer of French-Speaking Markets, **Airtel Africa** 



Steven Evans, CEO. **Etisalat Nigeria** 



Gaïdy Ndaw, Chief Commercial Officer

Sonatel-Orange, Senegal



Ahmad Farroukh, VP WECA Region, **MTN Group** 



Nazar H. Sahal, Information Technology Director, **Expresso Telecom Group Ltd** 

#### In 2010 leading telcos converged in Senegal for West & Central Africa's ONLY dedicated communications event:

Attendees through the door

Operator delegate attendance

**60%** C-Level/Director/Head level delegates

236 Companies

Operator companies

Countries represented



### Network and do business with the leading operators and regulators from across the region, including:

Africell Gambia ■ Airtel DR Congo ■ Airtel Ghana ■ Airtel Nigeria ■ Alink Telecom Cote d'Ivoire ■ Atlantique Telecom ■ Atlantique Telecom/Moov: Ivory Coast ■ Atlantique Telecom/Moov: Togo ■ Atlantique Telecom Centrafrique ■ Azur Gabon ■ BICS ■ Cable & Wireless Nigeria ■ Comium/Koz Ivory Coast ■ Comium Liberia ■ Comium Sierra Leone ■ Connecteo Senegal ■ Etisalat Benin ■ Etisalat Nigeria ■ Expresso Senegal ■ G Cell Wireless Nigeria ■ Gabon Telecom ■ Gambia Cellular Company (Gamcel) ■ Geoidtel Ltd Nigeria ■ Glo Mobile ■ Huawei ■ HiTS Equatorial Guinea ■ Intercel Guinea ■ ipNX Telecommunications Nigeria ■ Isocel Telecom Benin ■ Mattel Mauritania ■ Millicom DRC (Tigo) ■ Ministere Des Telecommunications Senegal ■ Moov ■ MTN ■ MTN Benin ■ MTN Cote d'Ivoire ■ MTN Cameroon ■ MTN Nigeria ■ MTN Guinea ■ Multi-Links Nigeria ■ Netplux Ltd Ghana ■ Nokia Siemens Networks ■ Nigerian Communications Commission ■ Onatel Burkina-Faso ■ Orange ■ Orange Cameroon ■ Orange Cote d'Ivoire ■ Orange Guinea ■ Orange Mali ■ Orange Niger ■ Orange Senegal ■ Qcell Gambia ■ Ringo Group Cameroon ■ Saconets Cameroon ■ Safaricom Ltd Kenya ■ Sentel GSM Senegal Solarcom Senegal Sonatel Senegal Sotelgui Guinea STA Cote d'Ivoire Stcel Mauritania ■ Tigo Senegal ■ Tmais Sao Tomo and Principe ■ Togo Cellulaire ■ Togo Telecom ■ USAN Gabon ■ Vodacom DR Congo ■ Warid Congo SA ■ Zain Nigeria Ltd ■ Zoom Nigeria

#### Interested in contributing to the agenda?

Become a **Programme Partner** and position your company as a key player by leading a conference session relating to your solution.

Programme Partnership also includes a bespoke briefing opportunity - deliver a 1.5 hour briefing in a fully equipped private room during the conference to your target audience

Contact Julie Rey, julie.rey@informa.com +44 (0)207 017 5394 to discuss opportunities today!

#### Our State-of-the-art Agenda:

**Investing in West & Central Africa's Networks and Services to Maximise Growth** 

#### **NEW** format to maximise networking

- longer coffee breaks, lunch in the exhibition and networking drinks

#### Operator Keynote: Grabbing West and Central Africa's Growth Potential

- Operator Group Strategies
- Market Overview and Forecasts

#### **Broadband Developments**

- Regional Connectivity
- ITF

#### Value Added Services

- Mobile Internet Services
  - Innovative VAS: Messaging, Money, Content

#### Day 2

#### Strategic Keynote: Operators' Competition Strategies



- **CEO** Roundtable Innovating for Success
- **Efficiency and ROI Strategi** Outsourcing and Managed Services
- Network and Infrastructure Sharing

#### Marketing, Pricing and Loyalty

- Pricing Models for maximum AMPU
- Reaching new customer segments and retaining existing ones

#### **Closing Keynote: Future Growth Trends**



**PLUS: Special Focus Workshops for more** in-depth learning on key strategies











"You meet some very interesting people at a very senior level and get a real opportunity to have conversations you wouldn't otherwise have."

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STEVEN EVANS, CEO, ETISALAT NIGERIA



## **Delegate Networking Zone**







CAREERS IN AFRICA

All coffee and lunch breaks will be held within the exhibition area to maximise your exposure to the high level audience of operators in attendance.

A buffet lunch is served in the exhibition for all attendees. An extended opportunity for you to network with the operators.

## Conference



"Senegal takes such a strong interest in meetings such as this one which brings together all the leaders of the sector to exchange information and above all to work towards equipping the country with the latest technology."

SOULEYMANE NDENE NDIAYE, PRIME MINISTER, SENEGAL





A special area for our C-Level operator attendees to network away from the buzz of the show floor. Branding opportunities exist so you can target your message at this decision-making audience.

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**Refreshment Point** 

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Located in the heart of the exhibition, the refreshment points offer focus areas for networking where participants will be able to meet informally.

## Join our online communities for year-round networking

# Linked in.

West & Central Africa Com Telecoms Group www.linkedin.com

twitter

You Tube

Com World Series Blog

www.comworldseries.blogspot.com

ComWorldSeries Channel www.youtube.com/ user/comworldseries

West & Central Africa Com: Delivering a **Maximum ROI from your Investment:** 

# Increase & advance your pipeline

- Ensure you are at the cutting edge of market developments
- Secure future business opportunities
- Learn from the innovations and solutions of market thought leaders
- Reinforce your dominant position
- Gain a full understanding of what your competitors are doing, and what your customers want
- Share and demonstrate your capabilities

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#### **Guaranteed fantastic reach into West &** Central African telco markets and beyond:

- Benin
- Burkina-Faso Cameroon
- Canada
- Central Africa Rep.
- Chad
- DR Congo
- China Congo
- Equatorial Guinea
- France Gabon
- Gambia Germany
- Ghana Guinea
- Israel Italy
- Kenya
- Lebanon Luxembourg
- Mali
- Mauretania Monaco
- Nigeria S.Tome. Principe
- Senegal Sierra Leone

- South Africa Spain Sweden
- Switzerland Togo
- United Kingdom USA
- Utd. Arab **Emirates**

# NEW Programme Partner Opportunity

Extract even more value from your participation this year by becoming a Programme Partner - Sponsor a conference session aligned with your product and specialism - raise your profile and deliver your key message.

Programme Partnership - also includes a bespoke briefing opportunity Partners will be given the opportunity to deliver a 1.5 hour briefing in a fully equipped private room during the conference.

**Contact Corrie Thompson** to discuss opportunities today! Corrie.thompson@informa.com +44(0) 207 017 5249



# **New for 2011**

## Careers in Africa Recruitment Summit

The Careers in Africa Recruitment Summit at West and Central Africa Combrings together high-calibre talent from across the world interested in developing their career with the leading telecoms and ICT companies in West and Central Africa

It is a unique platform for professionals from the telecom and ICT field to network and interview with senior executives from the region's leading companies, in an aim to take their careers to the next level.

Recruit the best available talent and expose your brand as an employer of choice in most dynamic telecoms market in the world.

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Our clients include



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Why Exhibit?

Meet decision makers from Africa's most dynamic market: The most sought after keynote speakers attract 800 specific, targeted and high quality delegates to your stand. Your chance to do face-to-face business with those leading telecoms in West & Central Africa.

Capitalise on established networking platforms: with a Com World Series heritage of 18 years, this 8th annual event has many years of experience behind it, both in terms of database and content knowledge.

Choose your level of presence: From 9sqm exhibition stand to Senior Exhibition promotional opportunities and high level exposure Sponsorship to help you achieve a high ROI.

Be part of the region's largest telecoms conference and exhibition: Putting you in touch with global press coverage and benefiting from our huge promotional campaign.

Position your company as a market leader: Sponsorship offers you brand awareness in front of your target audience.

Break into or develop your business in a growing market: No other event can provide so many potential clients in one place over two days, shorten the sales process and generate more leads. The opportunity to demonstrate your products, answer questions and overcome objections is un-missable.

All your key operator clients guaranteed: With a dedicated Informa Operator Account Manager continuously building relationships with all your key operators clients in the whole West & Central African region, no other event can deliver you with the exact target audience you want to meet & do business with

Extract even more value from our participation this year by becoming our Programme Partner: sponsor a conference session aligned with your product and specialism - raise your profile and deliver your key message within the conference programme. Programme Partnership includes a bespoke briefing opportunity - deliver a 1.5 hour briefing in a fully equipped private room during the conference.



# **Meeting Rooms**

In order to maximise the benefits of participating at the event, private meeting rooms are available for purchase. This is the ideal place to host senior delegates at the event. Having a private meeting room is a complement to a booth, but can also be purchased separately.



"It is an excellent opportunity to have contact and share experiences with people from around the world in the business of telecoms." GANDENS ZOCLI, CHIEF SALES OFFICER, MTN BENIN







"It is very interesting to hear service providers sharing the issues and challenges they are facing. We bring a lot of experience from other regions so this combination and exchange of information is very beneficial for service and solutions providers."



GIL EPSHTEIN, SENIOR PRODUCT MARKETING MANAGER, ECI TELECOM

# Shorten the sales process by speaking directly to the decision-makers

Network with an exceptionally senior level attendance



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GANDENS ZOCLI, CHIEF SALES OFFICER, MTN BENIN

#### Who exhibits at and sponsors this event?



"It's always an event to look forward to because it has the greatest opportunity of having the experts in the industry coming together to rob minds on how to move the industry forward as well as solving problems arising in the sector. It is a wonderful experience!"



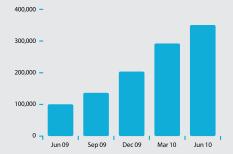
OLAYINKA OLUSHOGA, BRAND MARKETING MANAGER, HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES,

# **Open** to view floor plan

# West & Central Africa – market dynamics continue to evolve as competition becomes more intense

Within the 24 countries covered in West & Central Africa, there were 113 active mobile networks (as of end-August 2010). This illustrates the extremely competitive nature of the region's landscape – markets such as Benin, Gambia and Guinea Republic are home to 6 networks, whilst Cote d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Ghana all have seven active networks and Nigeria is the most competitive with a total of 14 networks. This is driving rapid growth across the region's cellular markets with Informa Telecoms & Media forecasting over 300 million SIM subscriptions across all 24 markets by 2015, representing 130% growth since 2008.

#### **3G Subscription Growth in West & Central Africa**

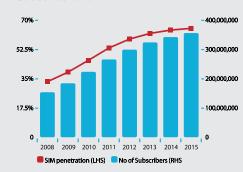


Although still dominated by carriers such as MTN, Orange, Millicom, Atlantique, Vodafone, Globacom, Comium and Africell, the region's competitive landscape will be shaken up by the entry of Bharti Airtel. With some elasticity over pricing plans, price wars are likely to follow, but Bharti's business model will be more sophisticated than just dropping its tariffs and is likely to be centred around sound financial management, tight control of its supplier relationships and network sharing initiatives.

Where there are opportunities for operators to differentiate from each other is over VAS offered to customers. Unlike elsewhere in Africa, mobile money has not become a feature of the region yet – this is likely to change. Mobile carriers are also hoping to increase messaging revenues by introducing more mobile email and instant messaging services and leveraging from the growing popularity of social networking. This comes at a time when carriers need to diversify revenue streams as voice revenues fall, and as the number of 3G subscriptions increases. Within a 12-month period, the number of 3G connections grew by 250% to reach approximately 3.5 million in West & Central Africa, with this number admittedly dominated by Nigeria.

The arrival of submarine cables alongside the migration to 3G/4G wireless technologies, greater investment in relevant VAS and the potential for FTTx rollout will all contribute to help transform the telecommunications sector across the region.

#### **Subscriber and Penetration Growth in West & Central Africa**





# Opening doors in high growth telecoms markets





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