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# Does the Democratic Republic of Congo still need to build 5G base stations



## Overview

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Is Vodacom DRC ready for 5G?

Khalil Al Ameriani, CEO of Vodacom DRC, has announced the company is currently conducting 5G tests in the country. The trial is being carried out under the supervision of the DRC telecom regulatory authority, ARPTC. These tests aim to ensure the telecom operator's readiness for deploying ultra-high-speed internet in the DRC.

Is Vodacom ready to deploy ultra-high-speed internet in the DRC?

These tests aim to ensure the telecom operator's readiness for deploying ultra-high-speed internet in the DRC. Khalil Al Ameriani, however, recalled that Vodacom's primary operational goal is to continue expanding its 4G coverage across the country and 3G in specific areas.

What is mobile internet penetration in the DRC?

Mobile Internet penetration in the DRC is at 32.3% and Orange and Vodacom's announcement to construct new base stations in the country aligns with the country's new vision for the digital economy as included in the National Digital Plan Horizon 2025 adopted in 2019.

How can the DRC bridge the digital divide?

Deploying and operating networks, particularly in deep rural areas, continues to be a significant challenge in the DRC. To bridge the digital divide and expand network coverage in underserved communities, the companies have pledged to jointly construct up to 2,000 new solar-powered base stations over six years, using 2G and 4G technologies.

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### Vodacom Congo begins 5G testing

Vodacom Congo (DRC) has revealed it's begun testing 5G technology the west African country. However, in an interview with ITWeb Africa, the company has stated that its ...

### Orange and Vodacom expand mobile connectivity in DRC

French telco Orange and Vodacom, the South African subsidiary of Vodafone, have partnered to bring solar-powered mobile connectivity to rural regions of the Democratic ...



### DRC Telecoms: The Strategic Reset of a \$500 Million and ...

The "technological neutrality" granted by the license does not equate to a free pass for 5G deployment. While operators now have the legal right to launch 5G services without a ...

## Vodacom Congo begins 5G testing

Vodacom Congo revealed it has began testing 5G technology but its strategy remains rooted to deploying 4G base stations to expand coverage, reported IT Web Africa.

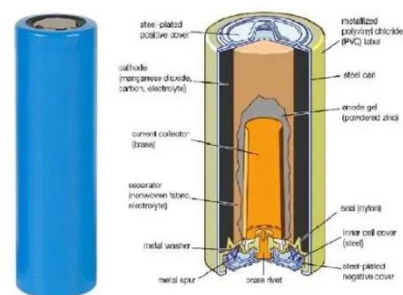


## English \_ Submission to DRC on 5G

Yes, there is a need to first strengthen and universalize 4G coverage before you can actualise the commercial and social success of 5G in the DRC. In practice, 5G infrastructure ...

## Orange, Vodacom Bolster DRC Rural Network Coverage

Orange and Vodacom join forces in a groundbreaking rural towerco partnership to build and operate solar-powered mobile base stations, bringing sustainable connectivity to ...



## Orange and Vodacom Form Joint Venture to Expand ...

Orange and Vodacom join forces to build 1,000 solar-powered mobile base



stations in the Democratic Republic of Congo, expanding 2G and 4G connectivity.

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## Orange and Vodacom create a joint venture to expand ...

Orange and Vodacom have joined hands to form, a first of its kind, rural towerco partnership in Africa. Through this partnership, the companies will collaborate to build, own, ...



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## Vodacom tests 5G technology in the Democratic Republic of Congo

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## Exclusive: Vodacom DR Congo tests 5G as it pushes data, ...

Vodacom is testing 5G connectivity in

the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), under the supervision of the industry regulator, but its primary focus is on improving 4G base ...



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