



AFRICA'S DIGITAL ACCELERATION PATH IN THE "NEW NORMAL" – Y'ELLO CONNECTION

The COVID-19 crisis has thrown into sharp focus the importance of digital inclusion in daily life. As many countries across the continent underwent lockdown periods, digital infrastructure was critical to mitigate the impact of stay at home restrictions. The post COVID-19 "new normal" will likely see an increase in speeds, devices and budgets required by households and businesses, exacerbating existing divides. At this watershed moment, telcos and industry verticals, multinational corporations, governmental and non-governmental organizations must mobilise to develop strategies to accelerate digital inclusion.

Welcome and programme overview

Dr Acha Leke, Chairman of McKinsey's Africa Region

A message from the African Union Commission

H.E. Dr Amani Abou-Zeid, AU Commissioner on Infrastructure and Energy

Opening Address: Leveraging the power of digital transformation in accelerating the Pan-African Integration Agenda

Mr Lacina Koné, Director-General / CEO of Smart Africa

PANEL DISCUSSION: BRIDGING THE DEVELOPMENTAL GAP: DIGITAL ACCELERATION IN THE "NEW NORMAL"

Focus: Balancing the belief that everyone deserves the benefits of a modern connected life commercial vs social impact agenda

Mr Ralph Mupita, MTN Group President & CEO

Focus: Leverage the current moment to accelerate policy changes that are necessary to foster growth and innovation in Africa

H.E. Dr Isa Ali Ibrahim, Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Nigeria

Focus: Build upon the existing dialogue between government and industry, to create a platform of purpose that will bridge the digital gap amongst socially marginalized people

Mr Serge Adjovi, Director-General of the Digital Development Agency, Benin

Closing Remarks

Mr Ralph Mupita, MTN Group President & CEO

