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Democratic Republic of Congo Telecommunications jointly builds 5G base stations



Overview

How will the DRC telcos support a new solar-powered base station?

According to the telcos, the JV will extend network coverage for up to 19 million people in less densely populated rural areas of the DRC. To support the connectivity plans, the duo have pledged to jointly build up to 2,000 new solar-powered base stations over the next six years, which will provide 2G and 4G connectivity.

Which telco operates in the Democratic Republic of Congo?

In DRC, Orange has more than 15 million subscribers, and more than 3,400 sites. South African-based Vodacom, which is a subsidiary of UK telco Vodafone, operates in several other African markets, including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, and Tanzania.

Will Vodacom & Orange bridging the digital divide in the DRC?

It may encourage other operators to adopt sustainable and inclusive practices. Overall, the Vodacom and Orange JV could be a definitive step toward bridging the digital divide in the DRC and beyond. In a strategic move to bolster mobile network coverage, Vodacom and Orange have established a joint venture focused on the DRC.

Did Vodacom & Orange conduct 5G tests in DRC in 2023?

Vodacom and Orange carried out 5G tests in DRC in 2023. Subscribe to The Telecoms & Connectivity Channel for regular news round-ups, market reports, and more.

What is orange & Vodacom doing in Africa?

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, and operate solar-powered mobile base stations in

underserved areas of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

What is Vodacom & Orange's joint venture?

In a strategic move to bolster mobile network coverage, Vodacom and Orange have established a joint venture (JV) focused on the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This collaboration will center on constructing solar-powered mobile base stations in rural regions, expanding connectivity for millions who remain underserved.

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