

# The Mobile Economy Africa



## State of mobile internet connectivity

2024

The usage gap is Africa's main connectivity challenge. With 63% of the population covered but not connected (versus 9% without coverage), the key task has shifted from building networks to bringing people online.

Coverage gap

9%

Usage gap

63%



Connected

28%

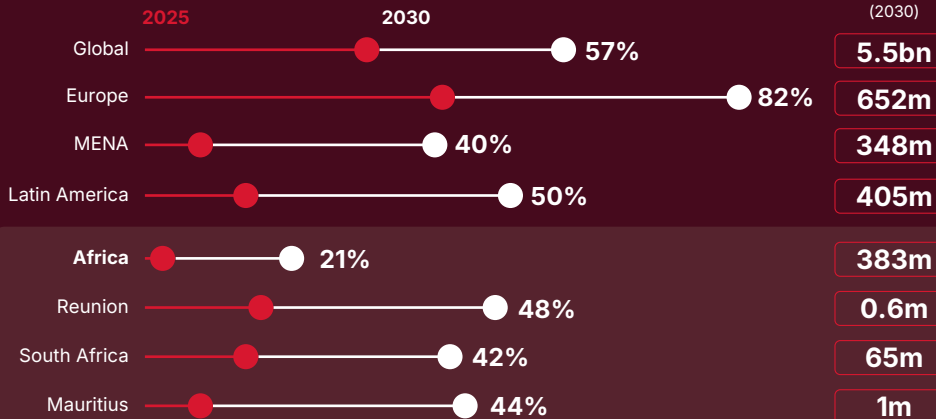


## 5G as a share of total connections

Percentage of total connections (2030)

2030

21%



5G penetration in Africa will reach 21% by 2030, driven by accelerating rollouts in leading markets and supported by the expansion of 4G as the backbone of mobile internet.

Mauritius will lead in 5G growth in Africa, with its share of 5G connections rising by 35 pp during 2026–2030.



## Operator revenues and investment

Revenues

2025

\$60.5bn

2030

\$90.3bn

Investment

Capex for the period 2025–2030

\$76.2bn



## Operator adoption of GSMA Open Gateway APIs

2025

70 operators

Representing

11% of global mobile market share

December 2025