

Mobile generated economic value in Africa expected to grow by 41% to \$215 billion by 2020

In 2015, mobile technologies and services generated about US\$ 152 billion of economic value in Africa. By 2020, the figure is expected to increase to US\$ 215 billion representing an increase of about 41% between 2015 and 2020. The majority of this increase is projected to be driven by improved productivity (67%) particularly from the increasing adoption of mobile internet services. With this figure, the mobile ecosystem is expected to contribute to 7.6% of Africa's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2020.

The mobile ecosystem is a leading contributor to the growth of Africa's economy because of its capability to employ many people both directly and indirectly as well as to solve socio-economic challenges in Africa. In 2015, the mobile ecosystem supported 3.8 million jobs; this includes workers directly employed in the ecosystem and jobs indirectly supported by the economic activity generated by the sector. The number of jobs supported by the mobile ecosystem is expected to increase to 4.5 million by 2020.

