

ITOCA: Harnessing the power of ICTs



Africa focus

**Information Training and
Outreach
Centre for Africa**



What are we all about?

MISSION

To build capacity amongst the research and education communities in the latest information tools and advocate for the adoption of new technologies that drive development in Africa.

Capacity building organization
aimed at enhancing information
and communications technology
(ICT) skills for mainly


- African librarians,
- info specialists,
- scientists,
- researchers and
- students

in SSA region






**ITOCA runs several capacity
building programmes:**



**Research4Life
and
TEAL programmes**



CEPD

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Need for increased production,
access and use of research
output in Africa





Increased costs of staff development /training



F2F training is effective but expensive

Online training tools/approaches working but of limited use

Die Zusammenfassung



Costing model




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F2F training is
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Workshops are coordinated
and funded through
collaborations

Collaborative effort: FAO, WHO, UNEP, WIPO, CTA,
IDS, Cornell and Yale Universities, Funding
agencies, local institutions

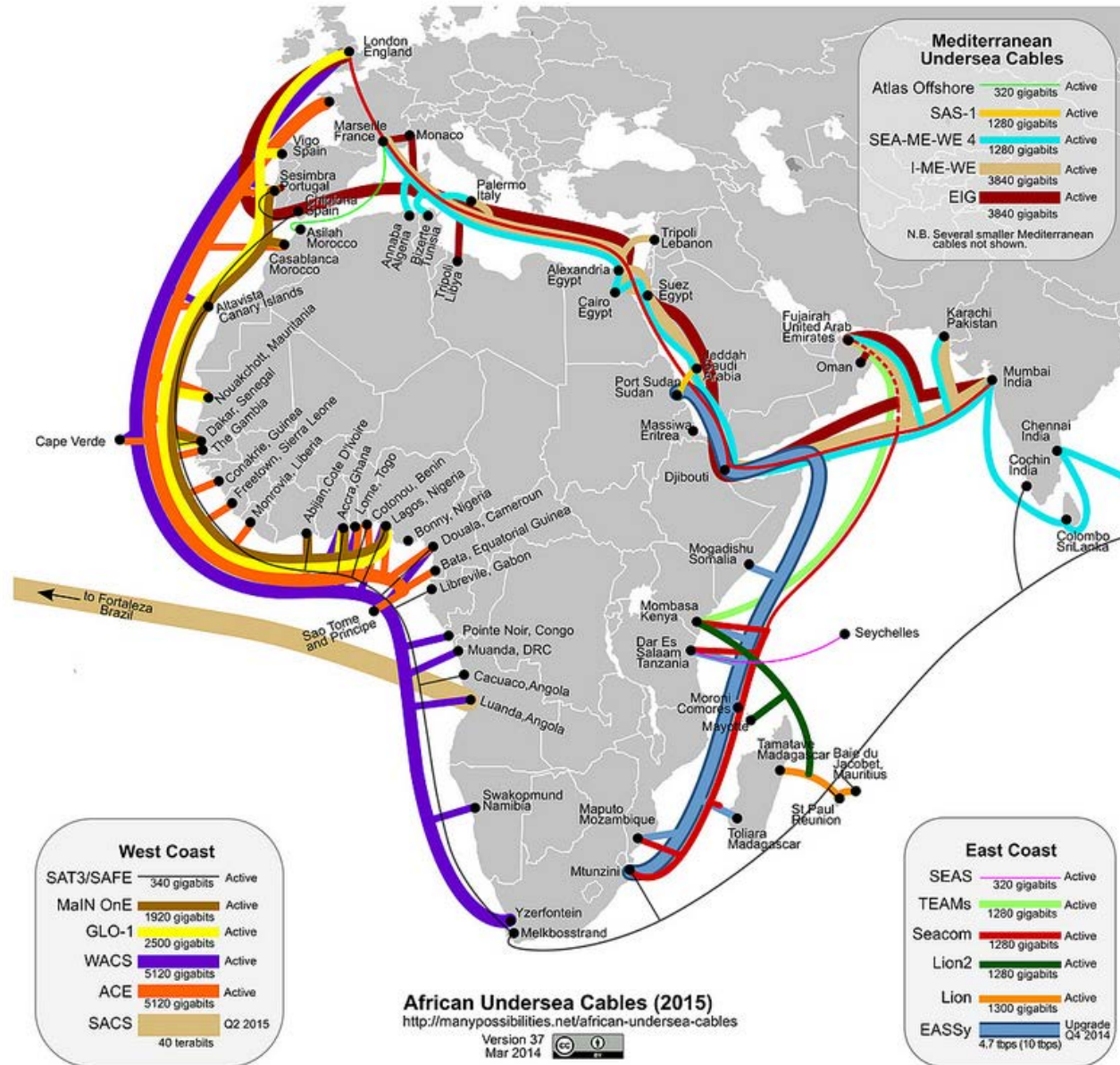
Local support (hosting, funding,
etc) by universities and research
institutions



Digital access challenges in Africa

- Training budgets support decreasing
- Significant rise in costs for delivering F2F training
- Distance Online courses complementing F2F
- Internet infrastructure & bandwidth challenges





African Undersea Cables (2015)
<http://manypossibilities.net/african-undersea-cables>
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Thank You

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