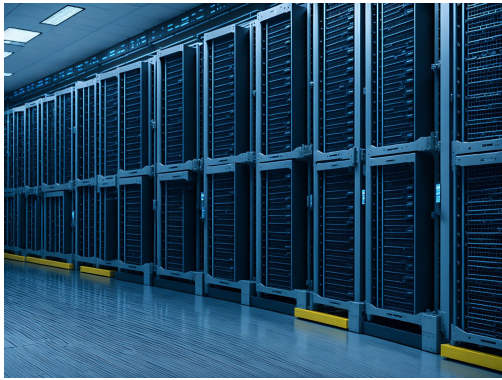




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New Fibre Link to Boost East Africa's Digital Resilience

Tanzania and Kenya have officially launched the redundancy route of the National Optic Fibre Cable network at the Horohoro border post, marking a major step in strengthening digital connectivity and regional integration across East Africa.

Speaking during the launch, Tanzania's Minister for Communications and Information Technology, Jerry Silaa and Kenya's Minister for Information, Communications and Digital Economy, William Kabogo Gitau, jointly called for the expansion of digital infrastructure across the African continent to accelerate digital transformation and economic development.

The newly launched redundancy route provides Tanzania with a critical alternative data path, linking to eight undersea cables via Kenya, cushioning the country against disruptions to its three marine cable connections in Dar es Salaam. "This route ensures Tanzania remains digitally connected even in the event of issues with our marine landing stations in Dar es Salaam.

It also strengthens regional data connectivity by providing faster, more reliable internet services across East and Central Africa," Minister Silaa explained.

With this new development, Tanzania is now digitally linked with six regional countries, including Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Zambia and Mozambique.

Mr Silaa also revealed that plans are underway to extend the fibre optic network to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), further reinforcing Tanzania's role as a digital gateway for the region.

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