

## Uganda moving ahead with alternative undersea cable

The Ugandan government over the weekend once again revealed plans to build an alternative undersea cable to service the nation, as constant interruptions from Kenya is no longer a viable option.

Peter Kahiigi, the director for Technical Services at the National Information Technology Authority Uganda (NITA-U) said that the cable will run via Mutukula in Tanzania, and construction should begin in November.

"The Mutukula route will help lower the cost, provide high speed Internet bandwidth and enhance efficiency of service delivery to Ugandans among other benefits," Kahiigi said.

...Uganda's Junior ICT Minister Nyombi Thembo added that the new cable will contribute towards the economy of the country. "Digital content industry has vast potential as a major contributor to our economy and society through employment creation, capital investment, provision of skills and capabilities to traditional as well as new industry sectors."

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