# OTT Investments in Digital Infrastructure

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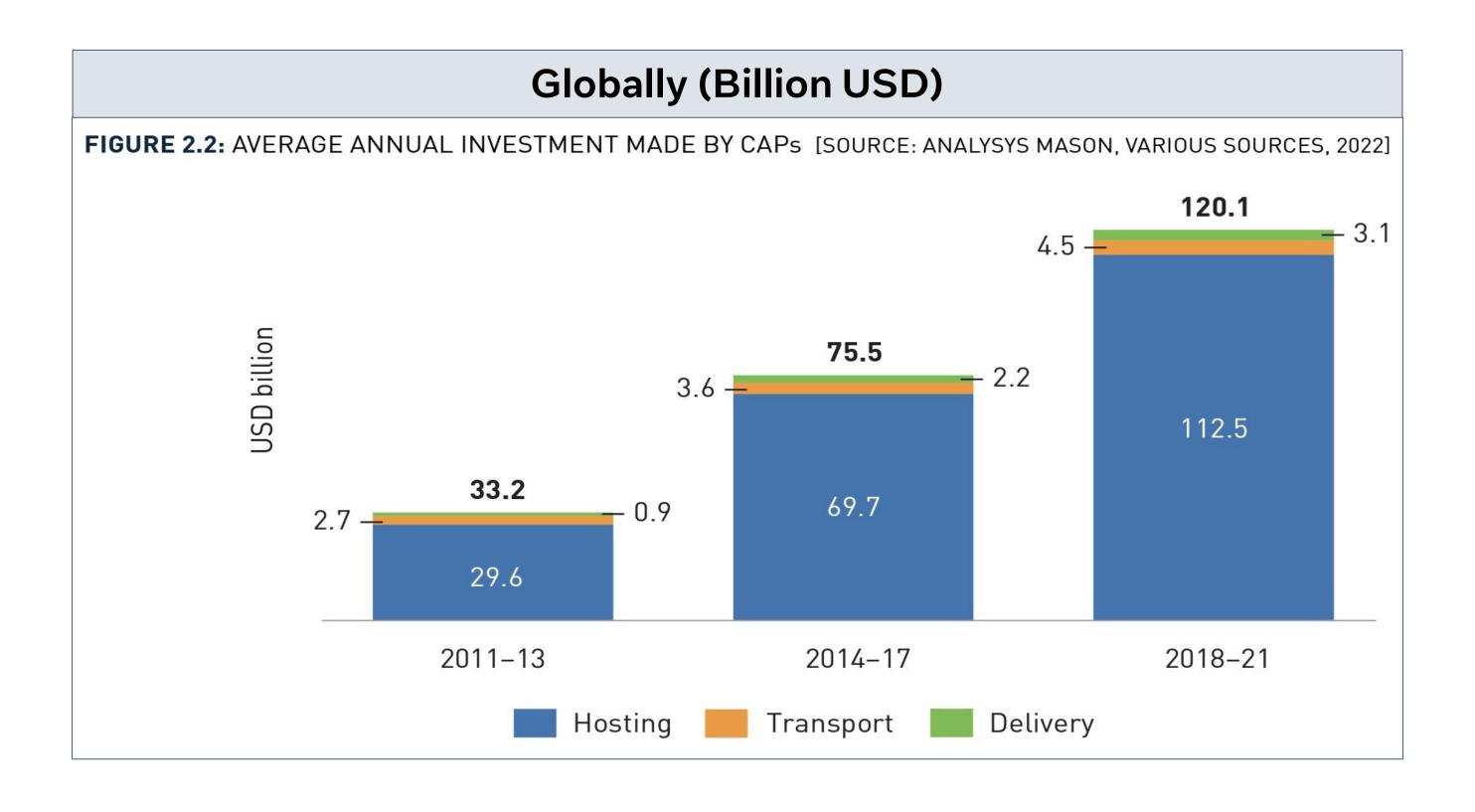


# Investments by OTTs in recent years have improved the quality of services for consumers and reduced costs for telcos.

#### According to recent research by **Analysys Mason**:

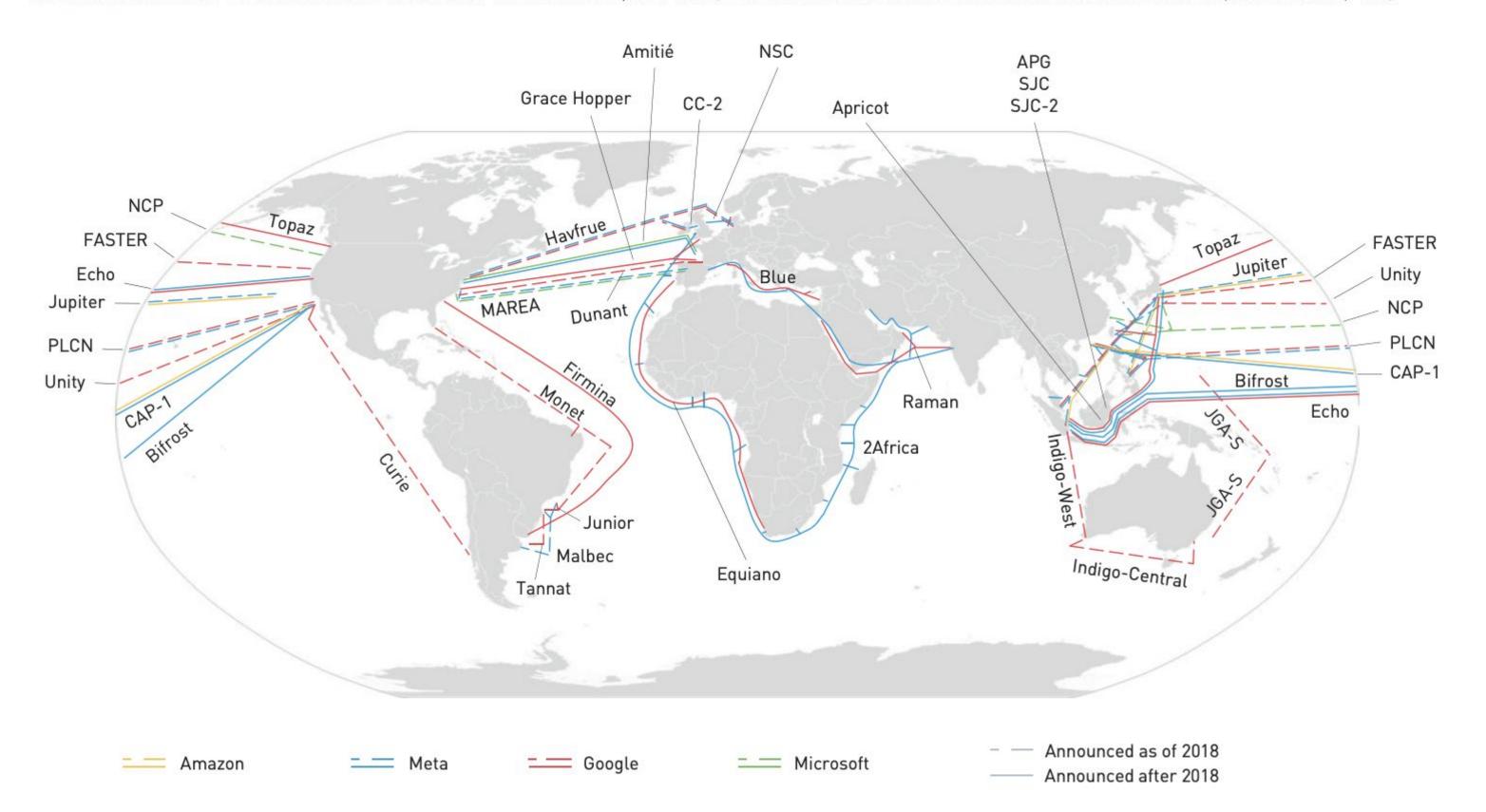
- Content and applications providers (CAPs) invested more than **USD 120 billion** each year in internet infrastructure from 2018 to 2021.
- · CAPs invested USD 883 billion in internet infrastructure from 2011 to 2021.
- CAP investments to bring traffic closer to end users improve the quality of experience for broadband users and save ISPs USD 5-6.4 billion each year.
- Traffic generated from customers accessing OTT services is not leading to large increases in telco operator costs.

# Analysys Mason: Investment by CAPs [OTTs] Increasing



## **Transport: Submarine and Terrestrial Cables**

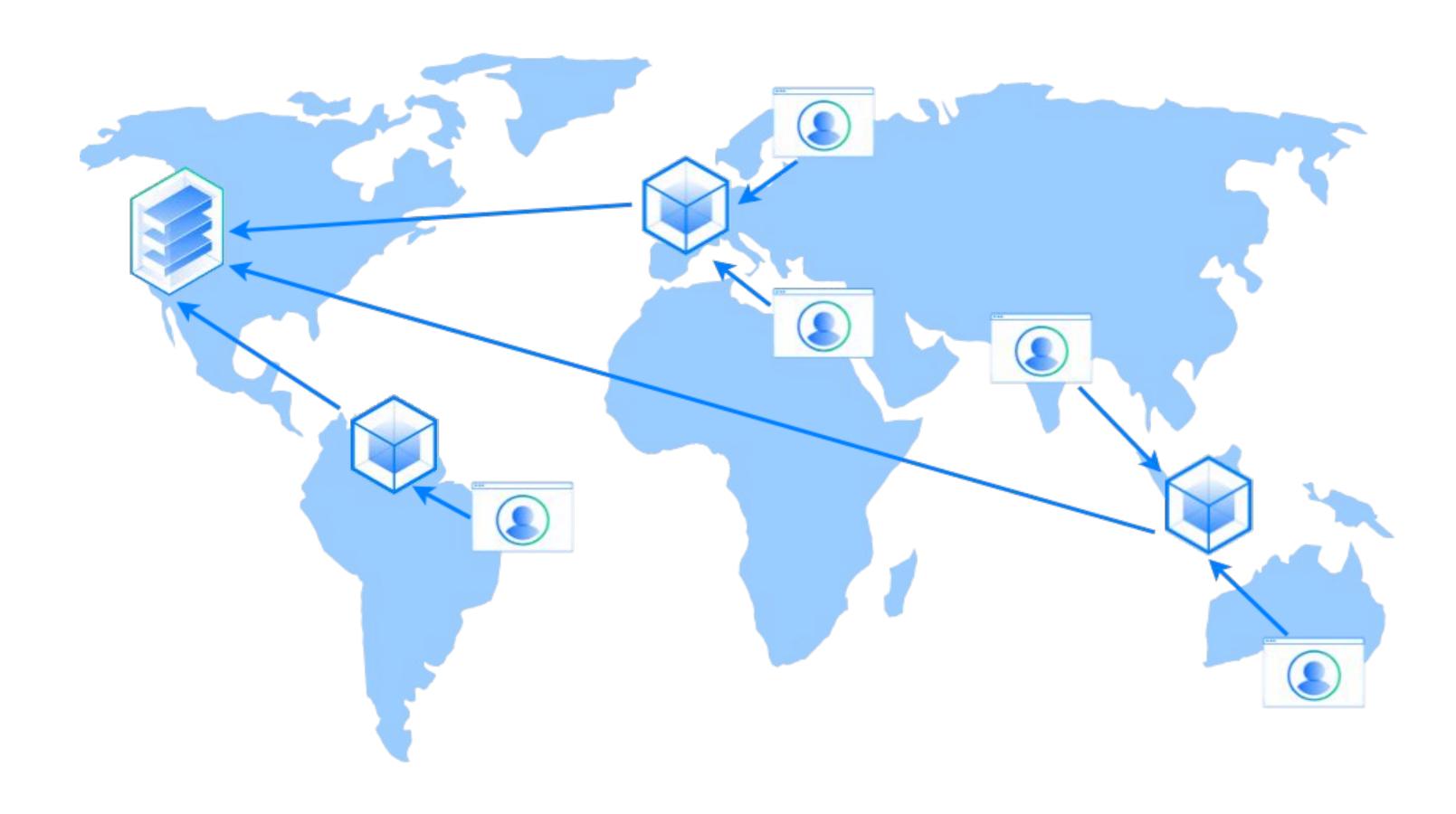
FIGURE 2.8: ANNOUNCED SUBMARINE CABLES IN WHICH CAPs HAVE INVESTED, AS OF 2022 [SOURCE: ANALYSYS MASON BASED ON INFORMATION FROM PRESS ARTICLES, TELEGEOGRAPHY, 49 2022]



# **Hosting: Data Centers**



# Delivery: Peering and Caching





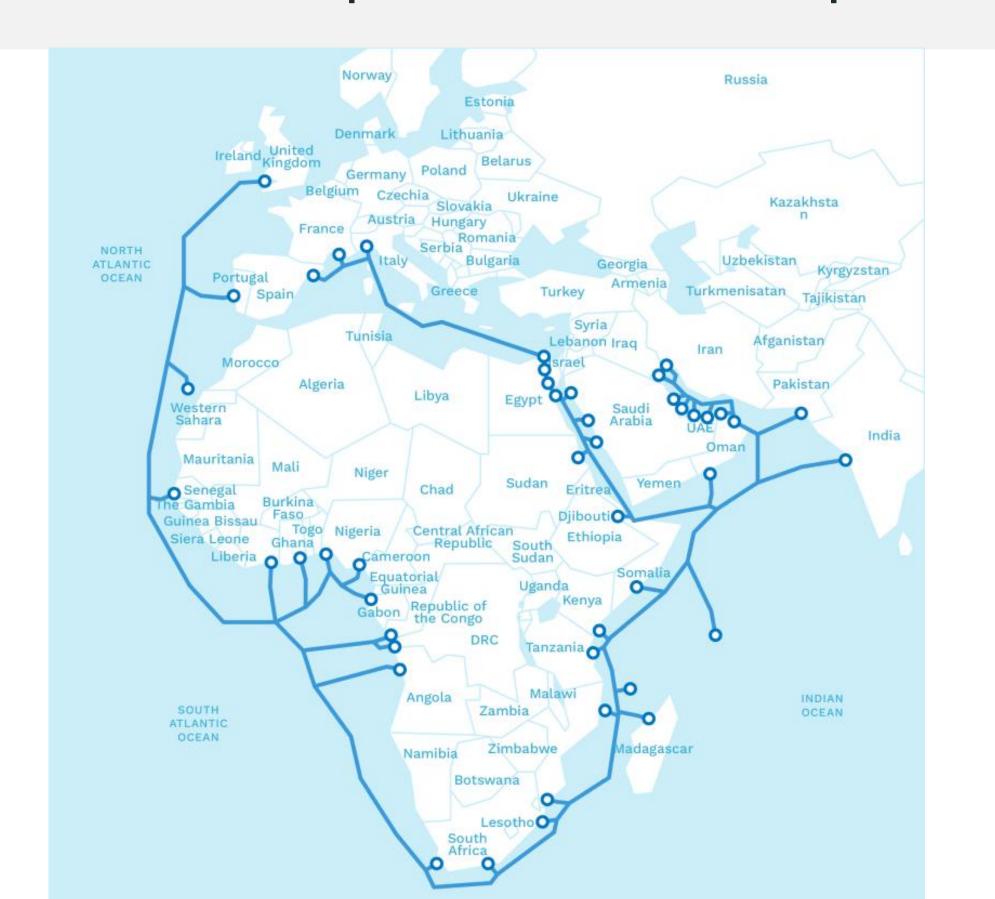
# 2Africa







#### 2Africa is the most comprehensive subsea fiber optic cable project to serve the African continent.





45,000 Kilometers



180 Tbps Capacity

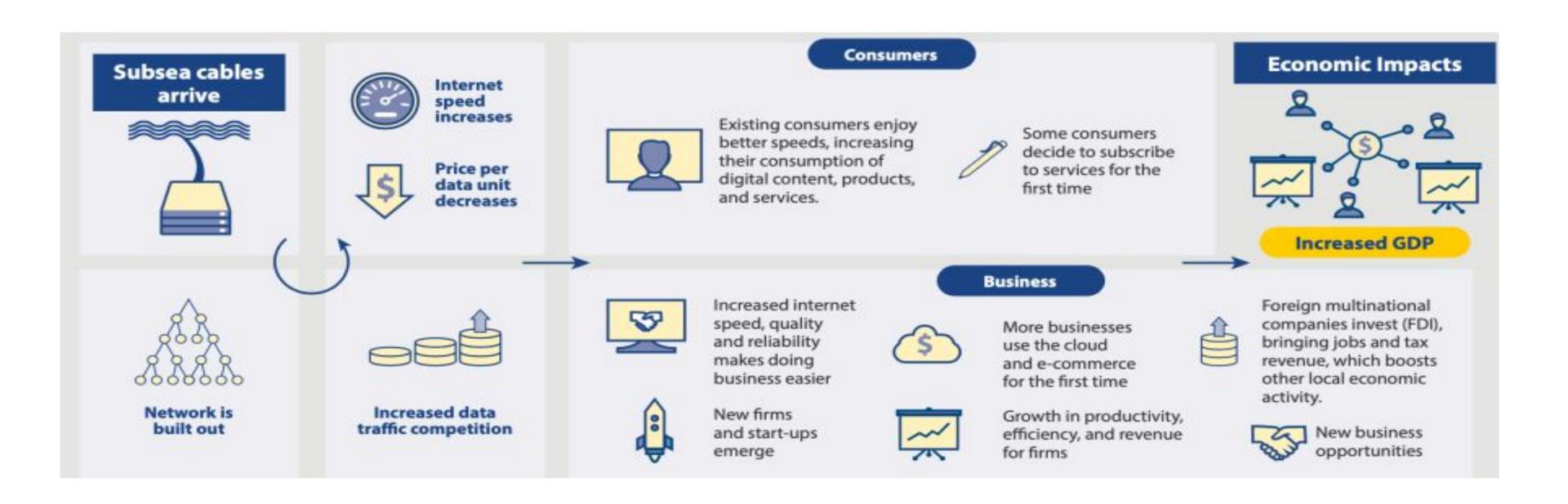


33 Countries



42 Open Access Landing Stations

# **Contributing to Digital Transformation**



### The Internet has proven its ability to adapt to changing traffic patterns.

- No market failure has been identified.
- Growth in traffic is not creating unsustainable cost increases for telcos.
- Research from Analysys Mason shows that from 2018 to 2021 network-related costs for ISPs increased by only 3%, even though global network traffic increased by over 160%.
- Mandating network usage fees threatens to undermine the well functioning Internet ecosystem.

FIGURE 0.2: GROWTH IN TRAFFIC DELIVERED OVER FIXED AND MOBILE ACCESS NETWORKS, AND EVOLUTION OF NETWORK-RELATED TELECOM OPERATOR COSTS FROM 2018 TO 2021

[SOURCE: ANALYSYS MASON RESEARCH, ANALYSYS MASON, 2022)

