

# Title of Workshop: Fiber Open Data – making data available for Africa (ALC2, Session 413)

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Emerging Trends Broadband mapping initiative helps ensure efficient and effective broadband deployment in underserved areas. This initiative aims to address global infrastructure data gaps to support evidence-based investment programs and policy making. ITU and World Bank has a Joint Declaration on Cooperation to develop an Open Standard for terrestrial Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) infrastructure data and usable maps for terrestrial OFC infrastructure in Africa.

Concrete Actionable Items Identified -The WB/ITU lead activity, introduced in the session, focuses on the promotion of availability of Open Data ICT Infrastructure having Africa as a starting point. And it will be expanded to the rest of the world on future stages.

- Open Fiber Cable (OFC) Infrastructure data availability will support evidence-based investment programs, policy making, and act as a catalyst for innovative digital connectivity solutions in terms of technology and financing mechanisms.

Challenges Evolution in the availability of the telecommunications industry and data services have affected the validity of the reasons why companies are not inspired to share infrastructure data. The ITU is in the process of procuring research that will seek to identify evidence of benefits experienced by countries where data was released openly.