

What WACS really means for SA consumers

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Next month, the gigantic West African Cable System (WACS) will come online, bringing around 400Gbit/s of submarine fibre capacity to SA at launch. But what does this increase in capacity mean for SA consumers and internet service providers?

Sean Nourse, executive for connectivity at Internet Solutions, says that although the effects of Wacs may not be felt by consumers in the short term, they most certainly will be felt in the longer term.

"There's enough capacity coming into SA already; the bottleneck is on national backhaul and the last mile [into homes]. The effect on the consumer all has to do with how much capacity internet service providers choose to take on Wacs, as they're already invested elsewhere," he says.

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