Internet shutdowns: countries outside the SADC region

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Internet shutdowns are increasingly becoming normalized and more sophisticated. This presentation looks at shutdowns, mostly content controls through a) policy/regulatory interventions, b) [internet] physical layer re-alignment
Entanglement: the many faces of regional blocs in Africa

Official Regional Economic Communities
- CEN-SAD: Community of Sahel-Saharan States
- COMESA: Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
- EAC: East African Community
- ECCAS: Economic Community of Central African States
- ECOWAS: Economic Community of West African States
- IGAD: Intergovernmental Authority on Development
- SADC: Southern African Development Community
- UMA: Arab Maghreb Union

Sub-Regional Arrangements
- CEMAC: Central African Economic and Monetary Community
- SACU: Southern African Customs Union
- UEMOA: West African Economic and Monetary Union
Internet shutdowns endemic in sub-Saharan Africa

Since 2015, the countries that have ordered network disruptions include Algeria, Burundi, the Central African Republic (CAR), Cameroon, Chad, DRC, Congo (Brazzaville), Egypt, Eritrea, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ethiopia, Libya, Mauritania, Niger, Togo, and Zimbabwe. Others are Uganda, Mali, Morocco, the Gambia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, and South Sudan.
Freedom of the Net by Freedom House

Regional Rankings

Freedom on the Net 2019 covers 65 countries in six regions around the world. The countries were chosen to illustrate internet freedom improvements and declines in a variety of political systems.

A. Obstacles to Access
B. Limits on Content
C. Violations of User Rights

Free
Partly Free
Not Free

0 = Least Free
100 = Most Free

Asia-Pacific

Middle East and North Africa

Sub-Saharan Africa

Eurasia

Europe

Americas
Wall of shame
Pornography machine
ICT/Social media taxes
Atypical IXP architecture
Proposed IXP architecture
Many Nets. Many Visions. Many Interventions?
Challenging internet shutdowns on legal grounds

2018
Chad, Cameroon, Togo

Some Judgements in 2019
Uganda, Sudan, Zimbabwe
Mapping internet shutdowns in real-time

1. IODA - https://ioda.caida.org/
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