



## **Djibouti Telecom peers at France-IX Paris and Marseille Internet Exchange**

*Boosts capacity and IP network performance at Djibouti Telecom, improving overall customer experience and continuing digital transformation in Africa*

**Paris, France – August 10, 2017** – Djibouti Telecom, the Government-run network operator in the Djibouti Republic, Horn of Africa, has signed a contract with France-IX, the leading Internet Exchange in France, to peer its IP traffic through France-IX's IXPs in Paris and Marseille. With this agreement, Djibouti Telecom enhances its network performance for its customers by decreasing latency on its IP network. This is possible thanks to a direct traffic exchange with other networks and on-demand content providers via a 10Gbps Port at each IXP. For Djibouti Telecom's network customers, this will deliver a significant improvement in quality of service with faster and more stable access to a large amount of French-language content.

The France-IX Internet Exchange platform interconnects several hundreds of telecommunications operators, service providers and content delivery networks that have significant traffic in France. This peering activity improves the accessibility and latency of Internet traffic exchanged between its members and thus improves the overall performance of the Internet for all users. In addition, it allows members to exchange value added services on the basis of an optimised network infrastructure.

For Djibouti Telecom's IP transit services customers, the connection to France-IX opens up an alternative route and allows them to optimise their traffic. For some destinations, it can significantly shorten data travel distance and improve response times. For the existing France-IX peering community, this new connection paves the way for additional customers and allows them to offer their services under satisfactory technical conditions. This is particularly the case for IaaS, PaaS and cloud services providers in general, based in Europe, for whom the quality of the connection between their infrastructures and the end users is paramount.

"In recent years, Djibouti Telecom has been able to actively benefit from its advantageous geographic location, the stability of the country and its modern infrastructure. Marseille, where Djibouti Telecom benefits from the landing of recent subsea cables Asia-Africa-Europe 1 (AAE-1) and South East Asia-Middle East-Western Europe 5 (SMW-5), in addition to its existing capacity on Europe-India-Gateway (EIG) and Seacom, is a natural destination for us and we are delighted to be also peering in Paris, with all the advantages that it will bring in terms of access to content and IP transit," explains Mohamed Assoweh Bouh, CEO, Djibouti Telecom. "This agreement will not only benefit our final customers but also a number of African service providers, network providers and carriers based in Ethiopia, Somalia, Yemen, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles that use Djibouti Telecom as a hub."

“This agreement is a major step for Djibouti Telecom, which is well positioned to support East-Africa’s digital transformation. France-IX has a growing African membership in both Paris and Marseille and Djibouti Telecom has become the first member with its head-quarters in the African continent to connect in both cities at the same time,” explains Simon Muyal, Chief Technical Officer at France-IX.

### **About Djibouti Telecom**

Djibouti Telecom SA is Djibouti's main telecommunications company. It provides fixed, mobile and Internet services. Djibouti Telecom was founded in 1999 and has since established itself as a regional center responsible for providing a comprehensive portfolio of voice, data / IP and capacity services across its network that extends into Eastern and Southern Africa, The Middle East and Europe. Djibouti Telecom also offers a wide range of communication infrastructure services from network connectivity, co-location services and data centers. Djibouti Telecom is today a leading strategic center for international telecommunications services in East Africa with its underlying network infrastructure comprising 7 international submarine cables. For more information, visit [www.djiboutitelecom.dj](http://www.djiboutitelecom.dj)

### **About France-IX**

France-IX is the Premier Internet Peering Service Provider in France, offering public and private interconnection services through its carrier and data center neutral exchange points in Paris and Marseille.

France-IX interconnects several hundreds of telecommunications carriers, ISPs, content providers, content delivery networks and all other Internet networks worldwide with significant traffic in the Internet French market. This enhances the affordability and latency of the Internet traffic exchanged between its members and thus improves the overall quality of the Internet in France.

Founded in June 2010 with the support of the French Internet community, France-IX is a member-based association whose core values are neutrality, sustainability and constant improvement of the Internet. For more information go to France-IX website [www.franceix.net](http://www.franceix.net)

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