

# About Africa ...

ICT Insight is proud to feature a recap of the biggest stories from Africa's ICT and telecommunications landscape.



**I**n this synopsis of top recent headlines published by both ITWeb Africa and ITWeb, we look at developments in cryptocurrency, solar power, M&A activity,

### **Eswatini completes E255m solar project, powers up its sustainable energy**

Eswatini has added two more solar PV

plants to their sustainable energy portfolio as the Lavumisa 10MW Solar PV Plant project nears completion. Aside from the increased rollout of sustainable energy projects, Eswatini says it has increasingly becoming less dependent on neighbouring Mozambique and South Africa for electricity. Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority (ESERA) has recently issued an intention to award three 15 MW Solar

PV projects to Globelec/ Sturdee Energy Southern Africa consortium and ACED after a bidding process that began in 2019.

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orchestration that provide create agile application creation and deployment. This has given rise to the need for storage and resources that meet the needs of multiple workloads, in multiple locations, with capacity at scale on demand says executive leadership at Infinidat. The enterprise and data solution company says today, almost every business has an app for its customers to access information, transact and even provide information thus making it more convenient for customers and providing instant gratification.

### CSG's Tango acquisition will help Africa's CSPs monetise 5G, IOT

Global provider of revenue management and digital monetisation CSG recently acquired Tango Telecom, a supplier of convergent policy control and messaging solutions, and the companies say the deal is a breakthrough for Africa's communications service providers. The acquisition, which closed May 5, is the culmination of a long-standing relationship that delivers end-to-end digital monetisation solutions to CSPs. Through the deal CSG is armed with real-time, dynamic policy and call control management.

### French mobile firm Crosscall scouts for security tender opportunity in Africa

French mobile device manufacturer Crosscall accompanied French president Emmanuel Macron on his first state visit to South Africa last week, which the company used as a chance to advertise its value proposition and identify new opportunities in the market. Julien Fouriot, Director for Africa at Crosscall, said, "It was such an honour to be selected as part of the delegation visiting SA. Only eight companies were selected to join President Emmanuel Macron on his first visit to South Africa. This is an important development and it highlights the trust and growing collaboration between the French government and Crosscall."

### Telkom to reuse legacy copper infrastructure in fibre, 5G push

Telkom is planning to repurpose some of its legacy copper infrastructure as it shifts focus to next-generation technologies. So said Siphon Maseko, Telkom group CEO, in an interview with ITWeb, following the company's

announcement of its financial results for the year to 31 March. The telco this week posted strong results, as it saw revenue surge, to now make up the lion's share of its income.

### Taxman SARS pursues crypto dealers at SA exchanges

The South African Revenue Service (SARS) is conducting a tax risk assessment exercise in respect of South African residents engaged in the mining, speculation and/or investment in crypto assets. On 6 April 2018, SARS released a statement to the media entitled "SARS stance on the tax treatment of crypto-currencies". In this statement, SARS reminded taxpayers to declare all crypto-currency-related taxable income during the year such income was received or accrued. In order to assess the tax risks associated with the above activities, SARS has made contact with South African crypto-currency exchanges to request information on a selection of customers in terms of section 46 of the Tax Administration Act, 2011. [1](#)

