

Title: Egypt Ranks First in Fixed Internet Speed in Africa: ICT Minister

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Egypt ranked first among African countries for fixed broadband internet speed in January 2022's report by Ookla's Speedtest Global Index with an average speed of 35.67 Mbps, Minister of Communications and Information Technology Amr Talaat announced on Sunday.

This comes after Egypt had been in the 40th spot out of 43 countries previously, the minister added while reviewing the report in a meeting with Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly.

According to Speedtest Global Index, Egypt is currently ranked 86th worldwide.

Speedtest's Global Index is the ranking system made by Ookla — a global leader in internet testing, data, and analysis — that compares internet speed data from users around the world on a monthly basis.

This achievement, Talaat said, comes in light of the continuous policies taken by the ministry to improve the internet speed in Egypt in addition to Telecom Egypt's (TE) — the country's primary telecom operator — plans to develop their services and improve customer satisfaction.

The minister added that TE has implemented an integrated workplan to develop infrastructure across the country by developing and expanding the international and main network as well as the multi-network IM.

Furthermore, TE is expanding the deployment of intelligent assembly units relying on fiber-optic cables in conjunction with MSAN and a backbone network, the minister explained.

In November, Talaat announced on his Facebook page that Egypt invested about EGP 60 billion to develop its communications infrastructure.

The minister explained that the investment is part of a plan to pave the way for digitising Egypt, an approach deemed necessary, especially under the conditions imposed by the pandemic.

Egypt's internet users have significantly hiked recently, reaching 74.9 million users in November 2021, according to a report issued in December by the ministry.

The number of internet users in Egypt through mobile phones alone reached 63.2 million in November 2021, up from November 2020's 51.1 million users, according to a report.