

# Niger to deploy DTT officially in December

Digital terrestrial television (DTT) is already operational in Niamey, declared Abdoulaye Coulibaly, chairman of the National Technical Committee for Digital (CTN). "DTT is now a reality in Niger. And by the end of December, its official launch will take place with a free distribution of decoders by the authorities," he declared in a statement.



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According to him, the technical device is already in place. This is particularly the case at the Niamey Multiplex main centre, located at PK5, where all equipment is installed and operational. As far as training is concerned, "the first phase of equipment control has just been completed and ORTN's technical staff trained is now equipped to take over the management of the equipment," he said.

Coulibaly further declared, "All viewers in Niamey having televisions equipped with integrated decoders can receive DTT bouquet Niger. A prototype decoder was tested on October 30, and the reception of the HD DTT signal was deemed technically satisfactory."

As for the satellite broadcast on ArabSat Badr6, it is also available for a reception of the bouquet in the clear. "Any viewer in Africa and the Middle East can capture the DTT Niger bouquet in digital quality through a satellite dish," he continued. And currently, all the two public channels and thirteen private channels are available on the DTT Niger package, for a non-restrictive capacity of 20 channels.

This shift to DTT has already had an impact on the habits of Niger consumers in Niamey, who prefer televisions with the built-in DTT decoder.

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