

# Launch campaign to build a 'Digital Lagos' in Nigeria

MainOne launches its *Digital Lagos: Broadband for All* campaign initiative to enable the digital transformation of Lagos state through the deployment of broadband infrastructure across the state.



(L-R) At the Digital Lagos: Broadband for All, cocktail reception hosted by MainOne: Solape Hammond, CEO impact hub and Lagos State transition committee member; Funke Opeke, CEO MainOne and Babatunde Dada, chief financial officer MainOne.

MainOne's ambitions for Lagos is inspired by the vision of Lagos Governor-elect Babajide Sanwo-Olu, who noted that ,“Technology will improve the rule of law, education, ease of doing business and government processes of Lagos”.

At the campaign launch organised in Lagos to announce its plans last week, Funke Opeke, chief executive officer, MainOne, said, the company is keen to collaborate with the Lagos State Government and all other relevant stakeholders to build Digital Lagos and help citizens from all walks of life realise the benefits of broad, sustainable economic growth, modernised education, health, and other services delivery, and improved quality of life.

“MainOne is pleased to have the opportunity to present its plan for Digital Lagos, a proven path to ubiquitous broadband connectivity. This plan will involve the investment by MainOne of over N25 billion over the next two to three years to develop critical fibre optic infrastructure to enable broadband services across Lagos state,” she said.

Opeke said MainOne has pioneered investments in critical internet-enabling infrastructure across West Africa, Nigeria, and Lagos. To date, the company has invested over N120 billion funded by leading African banks and has proven its capabilities in expanding and densifying localised fibre networks in neighbouring Ogun and Edo States by deploying almost

1,000kms of fibre in partnership with Facebook to expand broadband access and connect government institutions and other areas of interest.

Opeke said, as the licenced InfraCo for Lagos zone, the resulting network to be built by MainOne would provide essential connectivity to critical State institutions, cover over 300 government agencies, up to 10,000 State CCTV locations, Telecom operators and ISPs, public Wi-Fi hotspots, Smart City components / IOT devices, in addition to Enterprises.

In Lagos, MainOne's existing 700-kilometer network already covers major population centers and Yaba, where it provides connectivity for the majority of the Yabacon ecosystem and has connected startups like Andela, ccHub, Paga, and Flutterwave and others that have raised up to USD500million Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Nigeria.

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