

Why 2G is Africa's mobile future



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Though parts of Africa already have 4G networks, 2G will remain the most common form of connectivity on the continent for the rest of the decade, according to a new report from Ericsson.

Demand for low-cost handsets, regional diversity and differences between developed and underdeveloped areas all mean older, second-generation (2G) mobile technology is set to remain the dominant form of connectivity in Africa for the rest of the decade.

This is according to the latest edition of networking equipment vendor Ericsson's Mobility Report, which looks at trends in mobile subscriptions and use for the next five years.

Ericsson expects that by 2018, Africa will still account for the greatest use of 2G networks worldwide as new, price-conscious users take up mobile for the first time.

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