

MTN Group appoints new CEO's in Zambia, Cameroon

The MTN Group today, 18 October 2011, have announced the appointment of new CEOs for its Zambia and Cameroon operations, as it continues to invest in talent to bolster its managerial and leadership backbone.



Abdul Ismail has been appointed the new CEO of MTN Zambia, while Karl Toriola was appointed the CEO of MTN Cameroon. Their position will be effective as of 1 November 2011.

Ismail joined MTN South Africa in 1998 as systems support manager, and was then promoted to senior manager for IS Delivery and became general manager in 2001. He was later appointed to the CIO role in MTN Irancell in 2005. In 2008, he took on the role of CIO in MTN Nigeria. Ismail was awarded CIO of the Year at the MTN Group in 2010 and 2011.

Toriola, currently the chief technology officer of MTN Nigeria, will replace outgoing MTN Cameroon CEO Philippe Vandebrouck, who is retiring. Toriola joined the MTN Group in 2006 as an operations consultant. He then moved to MTN Nigeria where he was responsible for the operation's technology strategy. His previous experience includes roles with VMobile Nigeria, where he was chief operations/regional officer - Econet and Ericsson (Nigeria).

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