

Somalia Telecommunications: Road to Recovery.

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Historical Background

- **Somalia Pre-war Telecommunication industry.**
- **Post-War Telecommunication Status.**
- **Telecommunication Privatization Benefits.**
- **Somalia Telecommunication: Road to Recovery.**

Somalia Pre-war Telecommunication

After the independence Somalia has not been develop the telecommunication industry due to the following reasons:

- 1. It was not a priority Issue.**
- 2. It was dominated by a State owned monopoly in basic network and services.**
- 3. The Ministry of Post and Telecom was the sole provider and self-regulator of telecom services.**

Post-War Telecommunication in Somalia

- **As of 1993 private Telecom Companies have emerged (9 Companies).**
- **Competition began with very limited infrastructure by most measures.**
- **Different operators enter/out the market competing basic telecom services both local and International.**
- **Each Operator offers local and international services to its own customer on its own network.**
- **No Interconnection (Many Small Islands).**

Telecommunication Privatization Benefits

- **Privatization in Somalia increases the scope of telephone coverage (See the Map).**
- **Competitive environment expanded the services, efficiency, and lowers prices.**
- **Competition brought technological advancement.**
- **Telecommunication sector in Somalia opens up a whole new range of economic possibilities.**

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- **Expanded Coverage Areas.**
- **Deployment of new technologies (Microwave, Fiber Optic and new digital networks)**
- **New Services Mobile, Internet and Value added services (Thuraya).**
- **Creation of Somali Telecom Association.**



Creation of SOMTIGA

- **Somalia Telecommunications and Internet Governance Alliance has been established on the basis of MoU signed by 20 Somali operators and media institutions in Somalia on Nov. 09, 2010.**
- **SOMTIGA supported by Somalia Civil Society emerged as a solid institution during civil conflict.**
- **It has become the most effective focal point to enhance Telecom development**

SOMTIGA Cont.

- **It has provided training including skills improvement to Somali Engineers and Managers through its members cooperation.**
- **All Somalia Telecom and media industry reap the benefits brought by the Alliance.**
- **SOMTIGA is to become future Regulatory Authority.**
- **SOMTIGA collects Telecommunication and media landscape data in the country.**

SOMTIGA Cont.

- **SOMTIGA, which acts as self-regulator and provides direction in the key areas of development promotes the common interest.**
- **SOMTIGA is a Somali telecommunications and Media resource center and act on behalf of Somalia Interest.**

Statistical Figures

- **From 1960 -1980 Somalia had 6890**
- **1980 – 1991 Somalia had 17,000**
- **1991 – 1993 Somalia had Zero lines**

Statistical Figures Cont.

- **1993 – 2003**

Fixed line: 105,000 lines

Mobile: 38,900 Lines

Fixed Teledensity: 1.6

Mobile Teledensity: 0.59

Statistical Figures Cont.

Internet Penetration:

5300 Subscribers

89000 users Approximately

Internet Coffee: 59 Centers

Thank you For your Attention

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