

# INVESTMENTS IN CONNECTIVITY

The global economy is becoming increasingly interconnected through the development of international trade, transportation, digital infrastructure, and the growth of information flows. What strategic investments in communication will contribute to accelerating economic growth, enhancing international interactions, and unlocking emerging opportunities in New Platform for Global Growth?

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## 1) Introduction;

- a) Connectivity as cornerstones of global economic growth and societal development
- b) Importance of strategic investments in both digital and physical connectivity

## 2) Thesis Statement;

"Integrated investments in submarine cables, data centers, 5G Networks, and transport infrastructure, supported by enabling policies and international cooperation, can unlock emerging opportunities and create sustainable platform for global growth."

## 3) Importance of Connectivity

- a) As per World Bank 2024, Connectivity drives economic growth, innovation and inclusion
- b) ITU 2025; around 2.2 billion people remain offline highlighting persistent regional gaps

of Unequal rural access and low-income population  
as per OECD 2025

#### 4) Digital Infrastructures; Investments

a) Submarine cables form backbone of global data, reduce latency and increase access

b) Mobile Broadband and 5G enable smart cities, and digital finance

c) Data centers supports local processing, cloud services and enterprise applications

#### 5) Physical Transport Networks; Investments

a) Asia develops trade corridors improving market access and supply chain efficiency

b) Africa builds multi-modal corridors integrating landlocked economies and lowering logistics costs

c) Europe and Middle East create global corridors fostering innovation and economic diversification

d) Americans expand broadband and smart networks enhancing regional integration and growth  
e) Oceania invests in submarine cables and resilient infrastructure ensuring island connectivity and disaster preparedness.

6) Policy, Governance and Financing

a) Enabling regulations attract investment and ensure fair competition

b) Public-private partnership facilitate large scale partnership - infrastructure development

c) International cooperation ensures sustainable and inclusive growth

7) Implications of Connectivity Investments

a) Economic growth accelerates through higher productivity, GDP growth and trade efficiency.

b) Social inclusion improves education and equity access

a) Innovation and Entrepreneurship flourish supporting startups, digital services and knowledge economies.

d) Resilience increases mitigating shocks, disasters and supply chain disruptions

e) Geopolitical influence strengthens trade leverage and soft power.

Conclusion.