

## **World Bank Approves 164.5 Million for High-Speed Connectivity in Africa**

**East and Southern Africa is the only region in the world that is not connected to the global broadband infrastructure. A crucial step in removing this obstacle occurred in Washington DC on March 29 2007 when the World Bank Board of Directors approved an International Development Association (IDA) financing package of 164.5 million (USD) for Kenya, Burundi and Madagascar. The financing package represents the first segment of the US\$424 million Regional Communications Infrastructure Program (RCIP) for high-speed connectivity in East and Southern Africa.**