



## Release Report

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Major boost for Algerian scientists through first AfricaConnect2 connection

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**Headline:** Major boost for EU-Algerian science collaborations through first AfricaConnect2 connection - See more at: <http://www.balancingact-africa.com/news/en/issue-no-826/internet/major-boost-for-eu-a/en#sthash.bb2Wk5A7.dpuf>

**URL:** <http://www.balancingact-africa.com/news/en/issue-no-826/internet/major-boost-for-eu-a/en>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Editorial
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	balancing act
<b>Identified:</b>	10/05/2016
<b>Publisher:</b>	Not known
<b>Published:</b>	06/05/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	UK
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Site online since:</b>	28 June 2000
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	330,353
<b>Site target audience:</b>	balancing act provides internet, telecoms and broadcast news focused on Africa. The news related to topics that are relevant to the continent, as well as providing insights into their wider impact on the telecoms world. Balancing Act seeks to be the primary source for information on the telecoms, Internet and audio-visual media industries in Africa.
<b>Other:</b>	Balancing Act Africa also has a consultancy branch, offering advice to businesses and SMEs

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**URL:** <http://www.virtual-strategy.com/2016/04/28/major-boost-algerian-scientists-through-first-africaconnect2-connection>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	Virtual-Strategy Magazine
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	USA
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Site online since:</b>	10 December 2003
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	240,664
<b>Site target audience:</b>	Virtual Strategy Magazine began in 2003 as a blog, and is now a news and information portal focused exclusively on virtualization technologies. VSM engages industry experts to provide the most compelling content, making it a dynamic resource for those who need the latest information to ensure reliability, stability, flexibility and scalability in virtualization implementations. VSM offers several different features and sections, such as Insights – opinions from around the industry – and VSM Labs – full, independent product testing.

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**URL:** <http://www.totaltele.com/view.aspx?ID=493607>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Permission Granted
<b>Site Name:</b>	Total Telecom
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Publisher:</b>	Terrapinn Ltd
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	UK
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Site online since:</b>	09 October 1996
<b>Other sites linking in:</b>	850
<b>Advertising rates:</b>	£80 cpm
<b>Readership:</b>	105,000
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	241,188
<b>Site target audience:</b>	Total Telecom meets the information and research needs of the Global Communications industry, from breaking news to expert analysis. It is the leading communications link between end users and the vendors, carriers and resellers of telecommunications technology and services. Total Telecom Online provides breaking news, archives, research reports and more. The site keeps more than 100,000 monthly unique users worldwide up to date and in touch with the latest reports and events from the global communications industry.

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**URL:** <http://security.itbusinessnet.com/article/Major-boost-for-Algerian-scientists-through-first-AfricaConnect2-connection-4397696>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Permission Granted
<b>Site Name:</b>	ITBusinessNet
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Publisher:</b>	DMN
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	USA
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Site online since:</b>	14 September 2004
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	694,410
<b>Site target audience:</b>	ITBusinessnet is part of the DMN NewsWire sites. It provides a variety of IT news, from computing, internet to enterprise applications.

**Headline: Algerian scientists get upgraded AfricaConnect2 connection**

URL: <http://www.telecompaper.com/news/algerian-scientists-get-upgraded-africaconnect2-connection--1141002>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	Telecompaper
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Published:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	Netherlands
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Site online since:</b>	05 December 2000
<b>Readership:</b>	200,000
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	78,358
<b>Site target audience:</b>	Telecompaper is a well respected, independent research and publishing company focused on the telecommunications industry. Telecompaper provides international customers with research and advisory services, breaking news, digests, expert analyses, company profiles and research reports. Telecompaper's audience are major telecom operators, regulators and other government agencies and consultancies. Geographical breakdown of visitors is: Europe 48 %, America 31 %, Asia & Oceania 18 % and Africa 3%.

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URL: <http://www.firmenpresse.de/pressrelease467164/major-boost-for-algerian-scientists-through-first-africaconnect2-connection.html>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	firmenpresse
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Publisher:</b>	Layer Media
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	Germany
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Other sites linking in:</b>	1,993
<b>Advertising rates:</b>	Media Kit
<b>Readership:</b>	3,146,000,000
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	154,943
<b>Site target audience:</b>	firmenpresse is a German and English portal that provides the latest press releases, articles and support. firmenpresse actively distributes press releases and also offers a comprehensive directory of public relations providers. firmenpresse would be of interest to European PR professionals covering a huge variety of themes and topics.

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**URL:** <http://www.pressekat.de/pressrelease467164/major-boost-for-algerian-scientists-through-first-africaconnect2-connection.html>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	Pressekat.de
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	Germany
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	700,440
<b>Site target audience:</b>	Pressekat.de is a German portal that publishes press releases on a variety of topics including automotive, computer, internet, environment, finance, shopping and arts. Pressekat.de would interest german speakers interested in the latest news from a variety of industries.

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**URL:** <http://www.businesspress24.com/pressrelease1431186.html>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	businesspress24
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Publisher:</b>	LayerMedia
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	Germany
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	788,789
<b>Site target audience:</b>	businesspress24 is a German language online press release site. The portal hosts stories about a range of topics for its broad readership, including: business news, education, healthcare, lifestyle, media, IT and telecommunications.

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**URL:** <http://www.gestaltmagazine.com/post/major-boost-for-algerian-scientists-through-first-africaconnect2-connection/>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	Gestalt Magazine
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	UK
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	1,887,397
<b>Site target audience:</b>	Founded in 2006, GESTALT Magazine™ is today a leading International industry-focused business magazine. Surveys demonstrate that GESTALT Magazine™ is required reading for top managers across the whole spectrum of International manufacturing industry and in all major countries. It's this diversity in depth that makes us the forum of choice for international companies in so many fields.

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**URL:** <http://www.itnewsonline.com/realwire/Major-boost-for-Algerian-scientists-through-first-AfricaConnect2-connection/17273>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	IT News Online
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	India
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Site online since:</b>	14 January 2005
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	596,790
<b>Site target audience:</b>	IT News Online covers the latest IT industry news worldwide in many categories ranging from telecom to gaming. IT News Online is for IT industry professionals who want to keep up to date with the latest news and releases.

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**URL:** <http://www.so-co-it.com/post/467164/major-boost-for-algerian-scientists-through-first-africaconnect2-connection.html/>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	So-Co-IT
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Publisher:</b>	Layer Media
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	Germany
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	1,240,004
<b>Site target audience:</b>	So-Co-IT is an abbreviation for Software, Communications and IT- Newsticker, the site consists of general IT news from computing, electronics and telecommunications. This is a great resource for those who research Companies and Businesses, and who have a general interest in IT.

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**URL:** <http://www.telecomstalk.com/?p=5574>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	TelecomsTalk
<b>Identified:</b>	03/05/2016
<b>Published:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	UK
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	1,412,847
<b>Site target audience:</b>	TelecomsTalk is dedicated to providing news and information about the global telecommunications industry, covering everything from optical components to mobile applications. Readers are kept up to date with information on new products/services, new company appointments, industry research and commentary.

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**URL:** <http://www.satprnews.com/2016/04/28/major-boost-for-algerian-scientists-through-first-africaconnect2-connection/>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	BlackBird
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	Poland
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Other sites linking in:</b>	403
<b>Advertising rates:</b>	No advertising available
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	891,295
<b>Site target audience:</b>	BlackBird is a website dedicated to providing the latest news from the satellite industry. It re-publishes press releases so that they are easy for their readers to access. BlackBird will appeal mainly to professionals working in the satellite and telecommunications industries who are interested in the latest news.

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**URL:** [http://www.yourcommunicationnews.com/major+boost+for+algerian+scientists+through+first+africaconnect2+connection\\_131133.htr](http://www.yourcommunicationnews.com/major+boost+for+algerian+scientists+through+first+africaconnect2+connection_131133.htr)

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	Your Communication News
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Publisher:</b>	Red Mist Media
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	UK
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	1,627,171
<b>Site target audience:</b>	Your Communication News is part of the Your Industry News collection of sites. Your Communication News is dedicated to the telecoms industry and would appeal to professionals across levels and sectors within the industry.



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**URL:** <http://erpinnews.com/major-boost-algerian-scientists-first-africaconnect2-connection>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	ERP in news
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Publisher:</b>	erpinnews
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	UK
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	823,369
<b>Site target audience:</b>	Erp In News (EIN) primarily covers Enterprise Resource Planning news but also touches on other IT sectors including Cloud, IoT and more. Erp In News would appeal to Enterprise IT professionals looking for an up and coming source of news.

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**URL:** <http://www.press-releases-news.com/hitech/major-boost-for-algerian-scientists-through-first-africaconnect2-connection/>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	Press Releases & News
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	Italy
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Other sites linking in:</b>	33
<b>Advertising rates:</b>	No advertising available
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	581,953
<b>Site target audience:</b>	Press Releases and News is website where approved contributors can post their press releases for free. The site publishes approved news on a range of topics including lifestyle, arts, and entertainment, automotive and financial. Press Releases and News will appeal to a wide audience of people who are interested in general news which falls into any of the industry areas that the site covers.

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**URL:** <http://www.govprnews.com/?p=133637>

**RIR Score:** ★  
**Coverage type:** Selective  
**PDF Permission:** Unavailable  
**Site Name:** Government PR  
**Identified:** 29/04/2016  
**Publisher:** Blackbird  
**Published:** 28/04/2016  
**Site Location:** Poland  
**Language:** English  
**Alexa traffic rank:** 2,373,219  
**Site target audience:** Government PR from Blackbird re-publishes press releases so that they are easy for their readers to access. With a primary focus on U.S military, the site also branches out covering wider areas - the news updates daily ensuring it is providing relevant news to its readers.

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**URL:** <http://goo.gl/DEP0Y3>

**RIR Score:** ★★★  
**Coverage type:** Non-selective  
**PDF Permission:** Unavailable  
**Site Name:** Bloomberg Business  
**Identified:** 29/04/2016  
**Publisher:** Bloomberg L.P.  
**Published:** 28/04/2016  
**Site Location:** USA  
**Language:** English  
**Alexa traffic rank:** 935  
**Site target audience:** Bloomberg.com features not only breaking financial news, but also a broad selection of stories and opinion from award-winning Bloomberg News. Retail investors will find a host of investment tools including calculators, stock quotes and interactive charts.

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**URL:** <http://www.menafn.com/1094739899/Major-boost-for-Algerian-scientists-through-first-AfricaConnect2-connection>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Non-selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Permission Granted
<b>Site Name:</b>	Menafn
<b>Identified:</b>	03/05/2016
<b>Published:</b>	02/05/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	Jordan
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Site online since:</b>	26 May 2000
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	109,100
<b>Site target audience:</b>	The Middle East North Africa Financial Network, Inc. (MENAFN) is the leading provider of online and wireless financial content and financial technology platforms to leading institutions and consumers around the Arab world.

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**URL:** <http://www.m2.com/m2/web/story.php/20165799275>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Non-selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Permission Granted
<b>Site Name:</b>	M2 Communications
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Publisher:</b>	M2 Communications
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	UK
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Site online since:</b>	20 January 1995
<b>Other sites linking in:</b>	172
<b>Advertising rates:</b>	None accepted
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	475,925
<b>Site target audience:</b>	M2 Communications Ltd (M2) is a privately-owned international publishing and media services company. This its homepage links into its websites and partners and displays news stories and press releases focused towards business and finance. The sites are a source for journalists and professionals.


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**URL:** <http://home.nestor.minsk.by/networks/press/2016/04/2808.html>

**RIR Score:** ★★  
**Coverage type:** Non-selective  
**PDF Permission:** Permission Granted  
**Site Name:** Networking News  
**Identified:** 29/04/2016  
**Published:** 28/04/2016  
**Site Location:** Belarus  
**Language:** English  
**Other sites linking in:** 2,313  
**Advertising rates:** No advertising available.  
**Alexa traffic rank:** 102,606  
**Site target audience:** Networking news is an English web supplement to Network Solutions, a monthly magazine on global and local networks. Although Network Solutions is produced in Russian only the publishers received a lot of English material and press releases and so they set up this site to house original English networking news for networking professionals.

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**URL:** <http://www.military-technologies.net/2016/04/28/major-boost-for-algerian-scientists-through-first-africconnect2-connection/>

**RIR Score:** ★★  
**Coverage type:** Non-selective  
**PDF Permission:** Unavailable  
**Site Name:** MIL-TECH  
**Identified:** 03/05/2016  
**Published:** 29/04/2016  
**Site Location:** Unknown  
**Language:** English  
**Alexa traffic rank:** 670,071  
**Site target audience:** Military Technologies is a website dedicated to providing its readers with the latest Military technology news from the defence industry. This site will appeal to people working in the Military who want to find out the latest industry news and...  
**Social shares:**  LinkedIn: 19

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**URL:** <http://www.ssuchronicle.com/2016/04/28/major-boost-for-algerian-scientists-through-first-africaconnect2-connection/>

**RIR Score:** ★★  
**Coverage type:** Non-selective  
**PDF Permission:** Unavailable  
**Site Name:** University Chronicle  
**Identified:** 29/04/2016  
**Publisher:** SSUChronicle  
**Published:** 28/04/2016  
**Site Location:** USA  
**Language:** English  
**Alexa traffic rank:** 526,622  
**Site target audience:** University Chronicle has a strong desire to bring a new perspective to news events across the globe. The staff is dedicated to giving a fresh perspective to each every article written. The team of journalists scour the globe looking for unique, interesting stories to cover. Many of the contributors to University Chronicle have years of experience which helps them to bring a unbiased objectivity to evolving world events.

**Headline: Major boost for Algerian scientists through first AfricaConnect2 connection**

**URL:** <http://www.pressreleaserocket.net/major-boost-for-algerian-scientists-through-first-africaconnect2-connection/440961/>

**RIR Score:** ★★  
**Coverage type:** Non-selective  
**PDF Permission:** Unavailable  
**Site Name:** Press Release Rocket  
**Identified:** 29/04/2016  
**Published:** 28/04/2016  
**Site Location:** USA  
**Language:** English  
**Alexa traffic rank:** 100,211  
**Site target audience:** Press Release Rocket is an online news agency bringing newsworthy finance content to their readers. The site covers the latest in breaking finance news, mergers and rumors and sources news from trusted sources.

**Headline:** Major boost for Algerian scientists through first AfricaConnect2 connection

**URL:** <http://www.telcoprofessionals.com/pressreleases/3492/major-boost-for-algerian-scientists-through-first-africa-connect2>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Non-selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Permission Granted
<b>Site Name:</b>	Telco Professionals
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Publisher:</b>	TelcoProfessionals
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	Unknown
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	126,938
<b>Site target audience:</b>	TelcoProfessionals is an online community, news and blog source, exclusively for the Telecom industry

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**URL:** <http://www.bizwireexpress.com/showstoryRW.php?storyid=275788>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Non-selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Permission Granted
<b>Site Name:</b>	BizWire Express
<b>Identified:</b>	04/05/2016
<b>Publisher:</b>	BizWire Express
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	India
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Other sites linking in:</b>	383
<b>Advertising rates:</b>	Top Banner 728 x 90 \$250
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	319,678
<b>Site target audience:</b>	BizWire Express is run by Adrian Viegas, the owner of IT News Online. BizWire Express is an aggregator that takes news from several wires and sites in one, easy to use source.

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**URL:** <http://www.busbyway.com/2016/04/28/major-boost-for-algerian-scientists-through-first-africaconnect2-connection/>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	Non-selective
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	BusByway
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	USA
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	1,115,124
<b>Site target audience:</b>	Busbyway is a national, independent news publication that specializes in bringing a fresh perspective to stories from around the world. Their dedicated staff of journalists are committing to bringing original newsworthy content to their readers.

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**URL:** <http://www.technoworldinc.com/techno-news/major-boost-for-algerian-scientists-through-first-africaconnect2-connection-t154425.0.html>

<b>RIR Score:</b>	★
<b>Coverage type:</b>	UGC
<b>PDF Permission:</b>	Unavailable
<b>Site Name:</b>	TechnoWorldInc.com
<b>Identified:</b>	29/04/2016
<b>Published:</b>	28/04/2016
<b>Site Location:</b>	USA
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Alexa traffic rank:</b>	609,586
<b>Site target audience:</b>	Techno World Inc describes itself as 'The Technical Encyclopedia'. It provides tech news and articles on topics such as hacking, programming and security issues. Techno World Inc is for anyone with an active interest in technology news and know-how.

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28 April 2016, Cambridge, UK: International connectivity available to Algeria's scientists, academics and students has recently been upgraded from 622Mbps to 2.5Gbps by networking organisation GÉANT and its regional partner ASREN (Arab States Research and Education Network). The fourfold capacity increase is an early result of AfricaConnect2, the EU-funded pan-African connectivity project which supports the establishment of research and education (R&E) internet networks across Africa.

"Algeria has been connected continuously to Europe since 2004 - the longest of any partner country in the regional networking projects GÉANT manages", commented Steve Cotter, CEO GÉANT. "The capacity boost clearly reflects the long-term commitment to facilitating collaborations between Algeria and the global R&E community."

CERIST (Research Centre on Scientific and Technical Information), the organisation that manages Algeria's national R&E network, ARN, has been at the forefront of meeting the networking needs of its growing user base since its inception in 1994. Aouaouche El-Maouhab, ARN Manager at CERIST, underlines the importance of being part of the AfricaConnect2 project and, by extension, of the global R&E community: "Over the last decade the connectivity needs of academic and research institutions in Algeria have increased significantly. As a result, we have seen our international networking capacity increase by a factor of 50 – from an initial circuit of 45Mbps in 2004 to the current 2.5Gbps. Within AfricaConnect2 and in conjunction with ASREN and our partners in Europe our focus is now on providing value-added services on top of connectivity such as eduroam and eduGAIN."

ARN currently interconnects over 800,000 users at 124 research and academic institutions across Algeria. Through its interconnection to the pan-European GÉANT network, ARN enables researchers, academics and students in the country to participate in world-class international research and educational activities in areas such as high-energy physics and earth observation.



“The connectivity boost opens up exciting possibilities for Algerian scientists to participate in the Large Hadron Collider experiments”, commented Prof. Abdelhafid Aouragh, Director General at the General Directorate for Scientific Research and Technological Development (DGRSDT) in Algeria. “We are in the process of setting up a Tier 2 and Tier 3 cluster of computational centres connected to the ARN network, which will be part of the CERN infrastructure and will allow our physicists to contribute to specific analysis tasks within the ATLAS programme”.

Prof. Mohamed Hamoudi at USTHB in Algiers also welcomed the benefits of the link upgrade for the Algerian earth observation user community: “Our work focuses on high-resolution regional gravity field modelling, combining images from GOCE and GRACE satellites with terrestrial data. This involves a considerable numerical workload, good international connectivity is a must! We can now fully exploit the power of distributed computing for accurate rather than approximate analysis,” he concluded.

Algeria joined the AfricaConnect2 project in June 2015 as part of the North African regional project cluster, alongside Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.

Algeria is also a shareholder in ASREN which acts as GÉANT’s regional AfricaConnect2 partner in North Africa. ASREN CEO Yousef Torman commented: “We welcome the Algerian connectivity upgrade as important step in our mission to connect Arab national research and education networks (NRENs) across North Africa, the Middle East and the wider Arab region and are expecting further AfricaConnect2 connectivity announcements ahead.”

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#### About AfricaConnect2

AfricaConnect2 is an EU-funded pan-African connectivity project that aims to support the development and consolidation of high-capacity regional internet networks for R&E across Africa and their interconnection with the pan-European GÉANT network, creating a continental gateway for collaborative research and education across and beyond Africa. AfricaConnect2 adopts a modular approach adjusted to the geographical, cultural and organisational context of the African regions and their different stages of NREN development, as well as their sources of funding and long-term prospects. AfricaConnect2 therefore comprises three geographical areas (or "clusters") that involve their respective regional networking organisations in the delivery of the project. Algeria is part of the North African project cluster alongside Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.

Previously, the North African countries participated in the EU-funded EUMEDCONNECT project which between 2004 and 2015 provided high-capacity connectivity and interconnection to the GÉANT network for the R&E communities across the southern shore of the Mediterranean. EUMEDCONNECT continues to serve the countries in the eastern Mediterranean (Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine).

The total budget for AfricaConnect2 is €26.6m for a period of 3.5 years (due to

## Appendix

### Coverage/Site Information & Site Statistics Explained

Please find below an explanation of the site information and statistics contained within this report.

### Site Information

#### Coverage Type

RealWire separates coverage into different types, which are explained below:-

- Editorial - editorial news sites are the equivalent to the traditional print media. A journalist will review your press release and choose to write (or not to write) about the information that you have provided.
- Selective - there are many sites that seek to provide readers with high quality relevant content through the publication of press releases. Here an editor will select your release for publication if they deem it of sufficient quality and relevance.
- Non-selective - these are sites that have decided directly or indirectly to publish all news from chosen sources as they know it will pass their quality and relevance tests. Your news, if relevant to the content of the site, is loaded unedited direct to the appropriate sector of the site.
- Blogs - a blog is a shareable online log of events or commentary in which the blogger expresses an opinion or comments on anything of his or her choosing. Anyone visiting a blog can add their own views, which may or may not agree with the blogger's. A key element of blogging is the community that reads the blog and comments on posts, interacting with each other and discussing the topic in question.
- User Generated Content (UGC) - user generated content covers sites where the content has been generated by users of that site, rather than by an editor or blogger. Examples of UGC sites would include forums, social network video sites (e.g. YouTube), and Wikipedia.

#### RealWire Influence Rating (RIR)

The RIR is calculated following consideration of a number of factors that might affect a site or blog's level of influence within its industry. Influence relates to the ability of a site to influence the relevant target audience .

Factors considered when calculating the RIR for a site include:

- Site target audience - the main focus of a site and its intended readership
- Coverage language - the language of the site/coverage
- Site location - which country the site is run from
- Number of visitors - the number of monthly unique users per month
- Publisher - the publisher of the site
- Advertising rates - a guide price based on a banner advert on the homepage or nearest equivalent

- Alexa overall rank - the comparative popularity of a site based on Alexa rank (the lower the rank the more popular the site)
- Technorati rank - the comparative authority of a blog based on Technorati rank of a site (the lower the rank the more popular the site)
- Site online since - the length of time a site has been online
- Other sites linking in - the number of other sites linking to the site based on Alexa data
- Navigation - how easy the site is to navigate
- Reputation - the reputation of a site within its industry
- Presentation - the overall visual presentation of a site
- Speed - how quickly pages load on a site

All of the above factors are collected and reviewed to come up with a sites' RealWire Influence Rating.