

ORANGE TUNISIA EXPAND INFRASTRUCTURE WITH MEDUSA SUBMARINE CABLE

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Orange Tunisia has signed an agreement with Medusa Submarine Cable System, an independent submarine infrastructure operator in the Mediterranean, to host a new submarine cable in Bizerte. This agreement marks a significant step in expanding connectivity and fostering socio-economic growth in Tunisia.

The submarine cable, built according to the latest international standards and regulations, will provide a high-speed connectivity solution while enhancing the security of existing internet connections. Leveraging state-of-the-art submarine optical fiber technologies, the cable will offer improved reliability and performance.

Medusa Submarine Cable System is set to be the longest submarine cable in the Mediterranean, connecting eleven countries in North Africa and Southern Europe by 2024 and 2025. The cable will span over 8,000 kilometers, with 16 landing points across Portugal, Morocco, Spain, Algeria, France, Tunisia, Italy, Greece, Cyprus, and Egypt. This extensive infrastructure will provide diverse routing options and deliver a capacity of 20 terabits per fiber pair, addressing Tunisia's increasing connectivity demands.

Scheduled for completion by the end of 2025, the deployment of this new submarine cable underscores Orange Tunisia's commitment to enhancing network quality and supporting the country's digital transformation. This investment will not only improve service quality for Orange Tunisia's customers but also strengthen Tunisia's position as a continental digital hub.

It is worth noting that Orange Tunisia previously collaborated with Ooredoo Tunisia to establish the

Didon cable in 2014, connecting Tunisia to Europe. The partnership with Medusa Submarine Cable System represents Orange Tunisia's ongoing efforts to bolster its network infrastructure and further contribute to the country's digital advancement.

By expanding its submarine cable portfolio, Orange Tunisia aims to meet the growing connectivity needs of Tunisia, foster economic development, and reinforce the country's attractiveness as a regional digital powerhouse.

Orange Tunisia legal team was led by Legal and Compliance Director **Senda Maaouia** (pictured above).