

Africa fastest growth of cell phones

Africa has the fastest growth rate of mobile phone users in the world according to a survey conducted by the International Telecommunications Union. The UN agent says the growth is being aided by mobile phone banking which allows people without bank accounts to send money quickly and safely by SMS text message. Developing countries now make up two-thirds of the world's mobile phone users compared with less than half in 2002. However the report found that despite major improvements the gap between those with access to information technology and those without remains wide.

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