



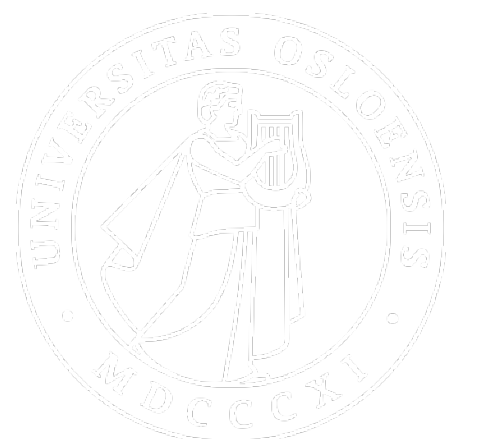
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# Access to Digital Health Information - a human right for everyone?

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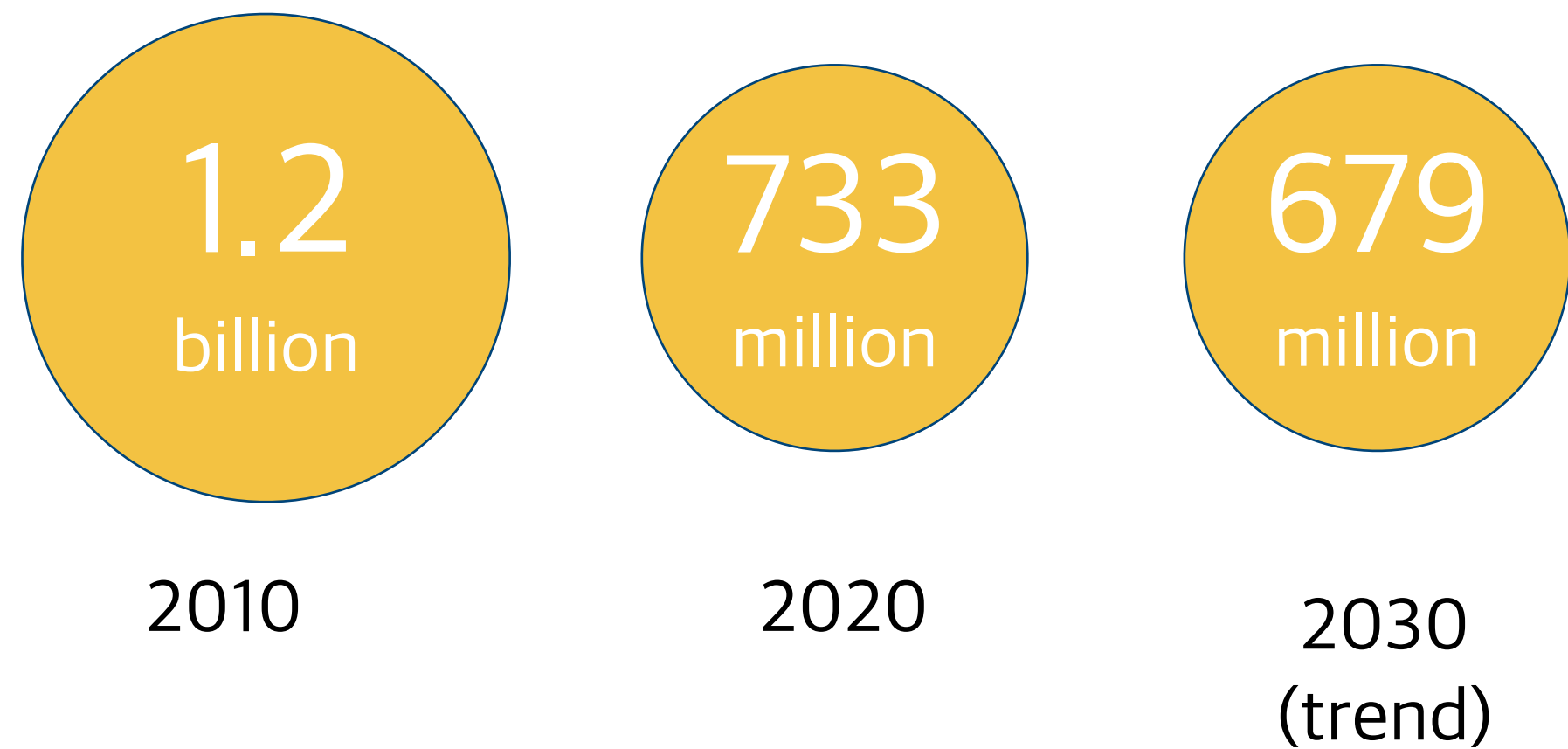
# Energy & Digital, enablers for the SDGs

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



## People without electricity

SDG 7.1 calls for universal access to ... energy by 2030



[WorldBank 2021]

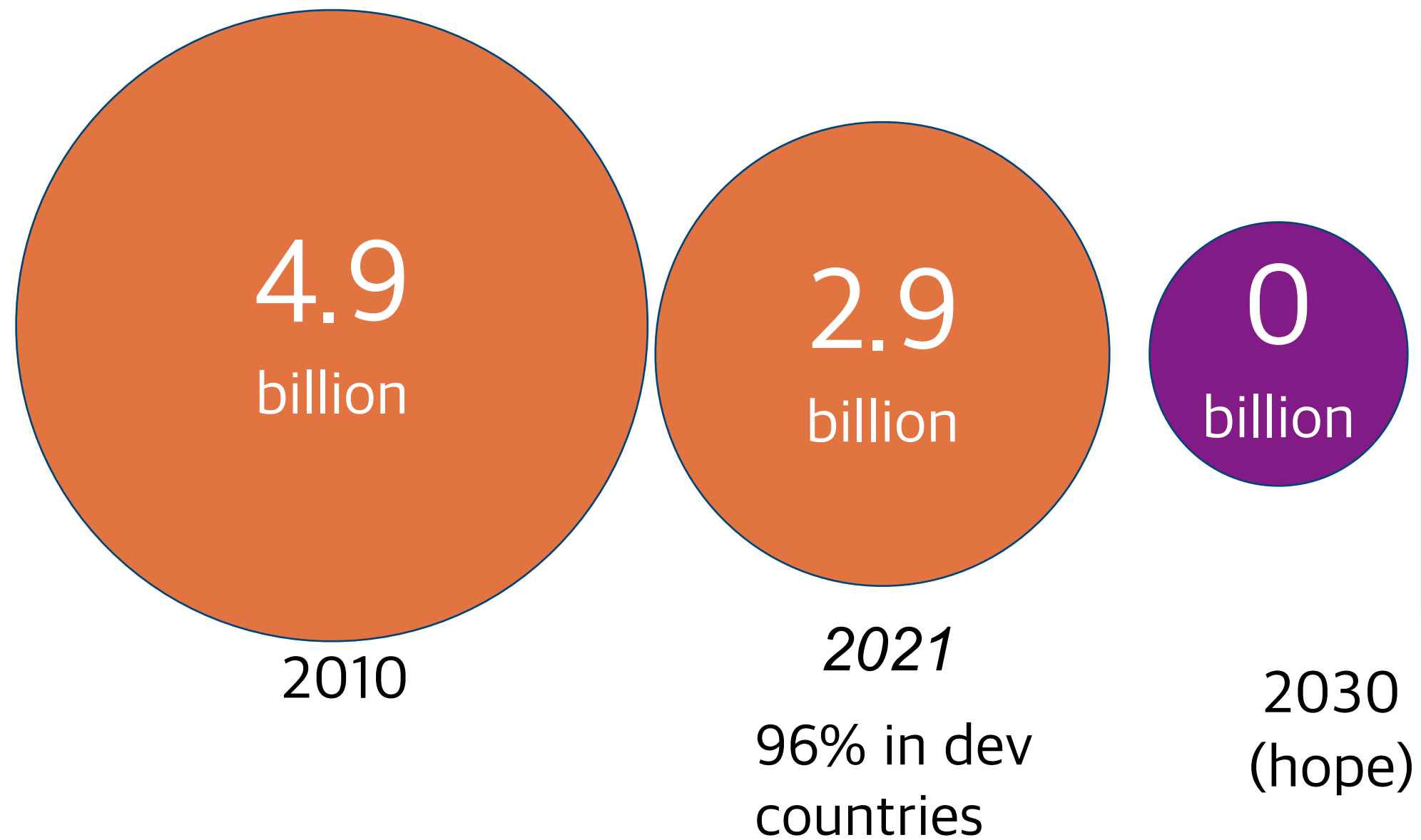
<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2021/06/07/report-universal-access-to-sustainable-energy-will-remain-elusive-without-addressing-inequalities>

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



## People not using Internet

SDG 9c calls for universal, affordable internet access by 2020



[ITU 2010, 2021]

<https://www.itu.int/hub/2021/11/facts-and-figures-2021-2-9-billion-people-still-offline/>

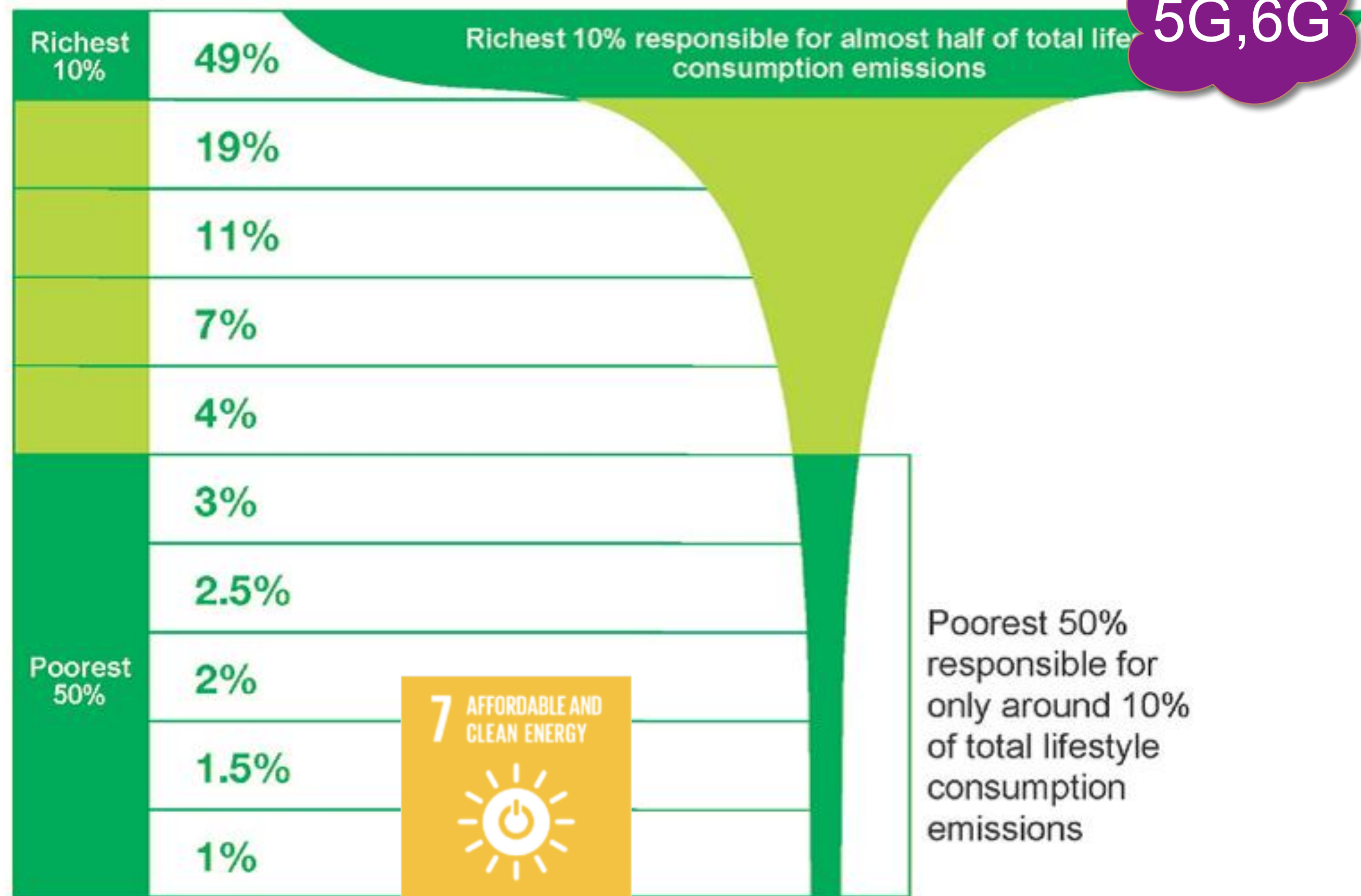


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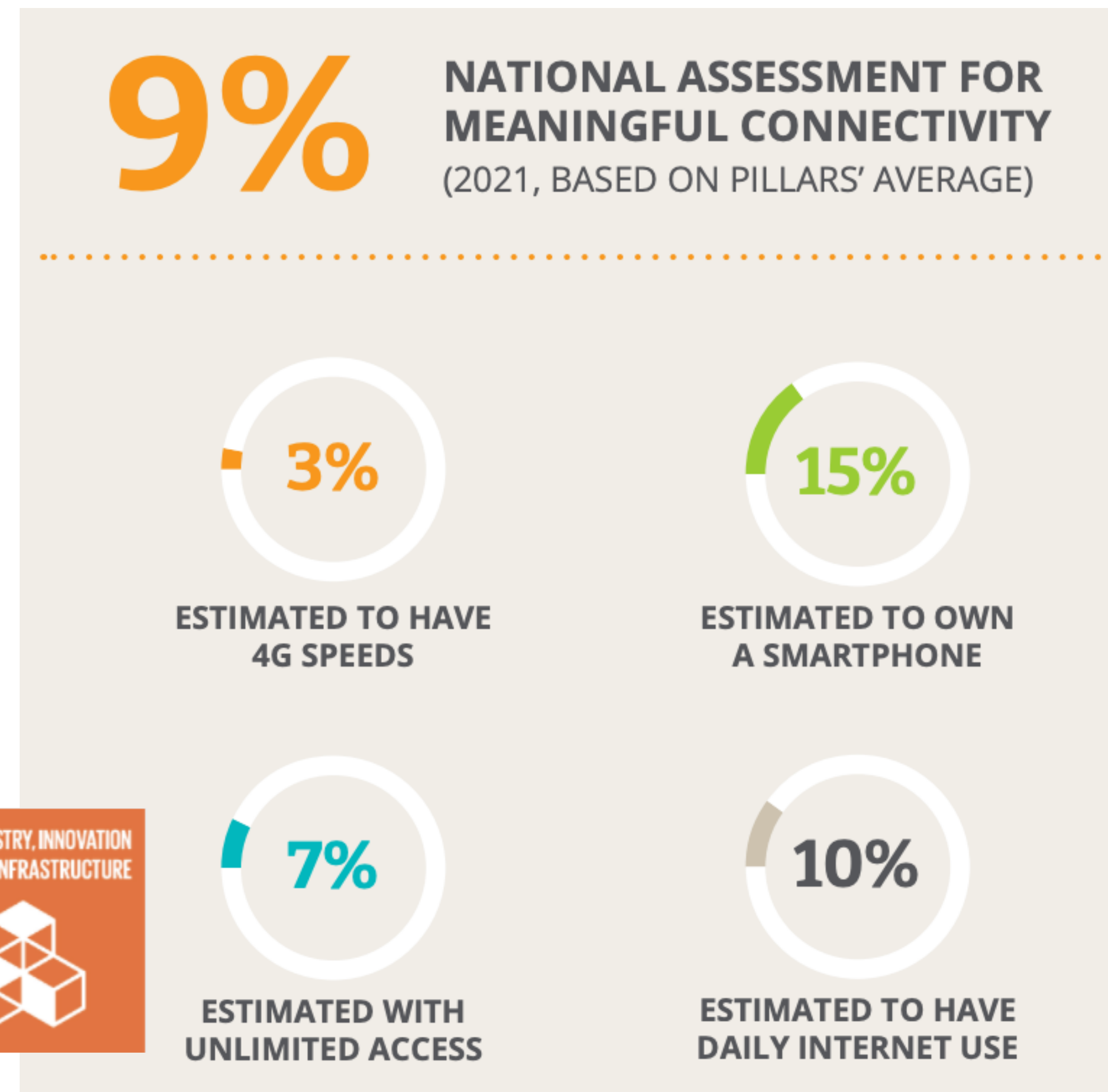


# Inequality in Energy & Digital Access

Percentage of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by world population



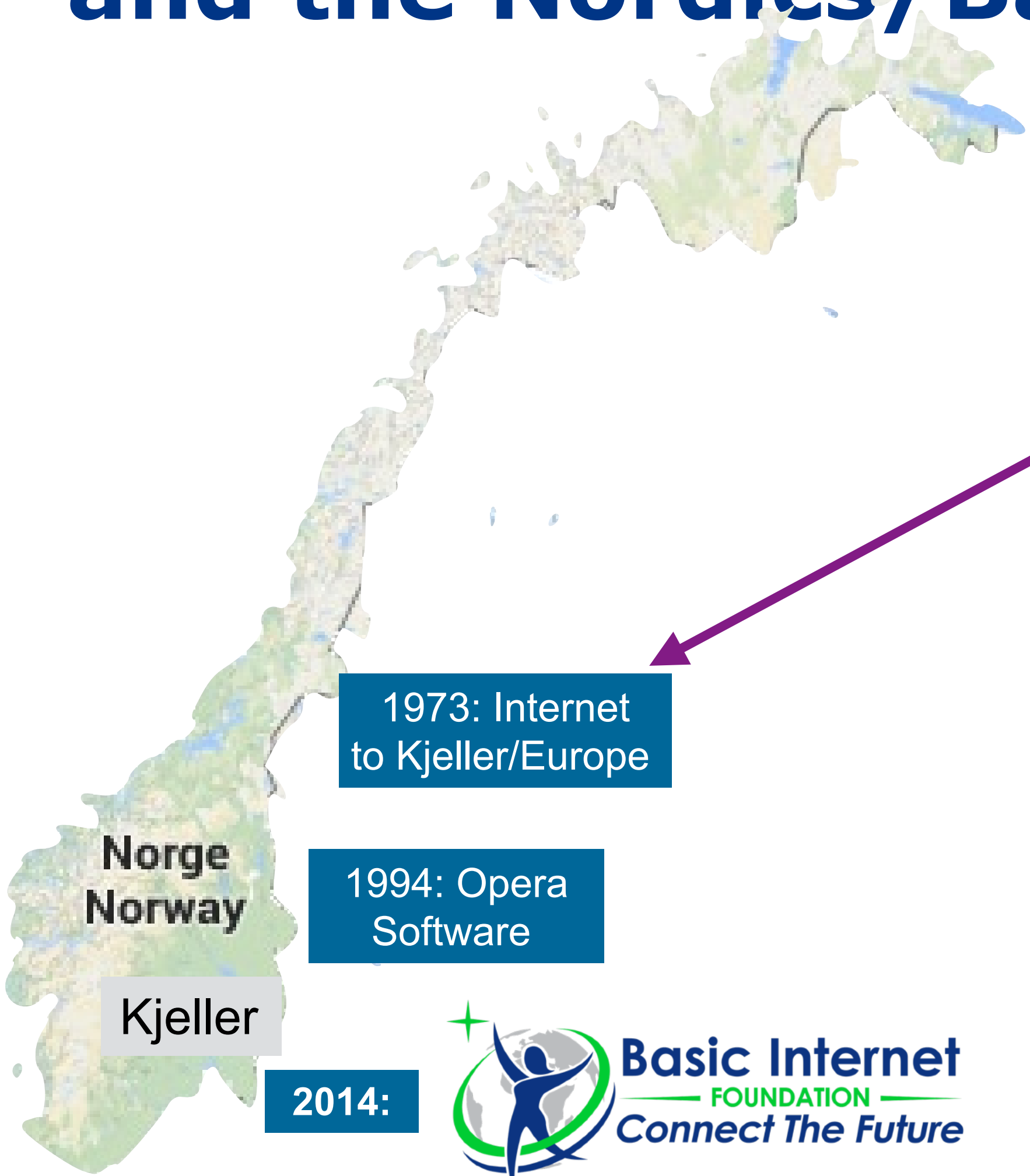
[Source: Oxfam.org, 2015]



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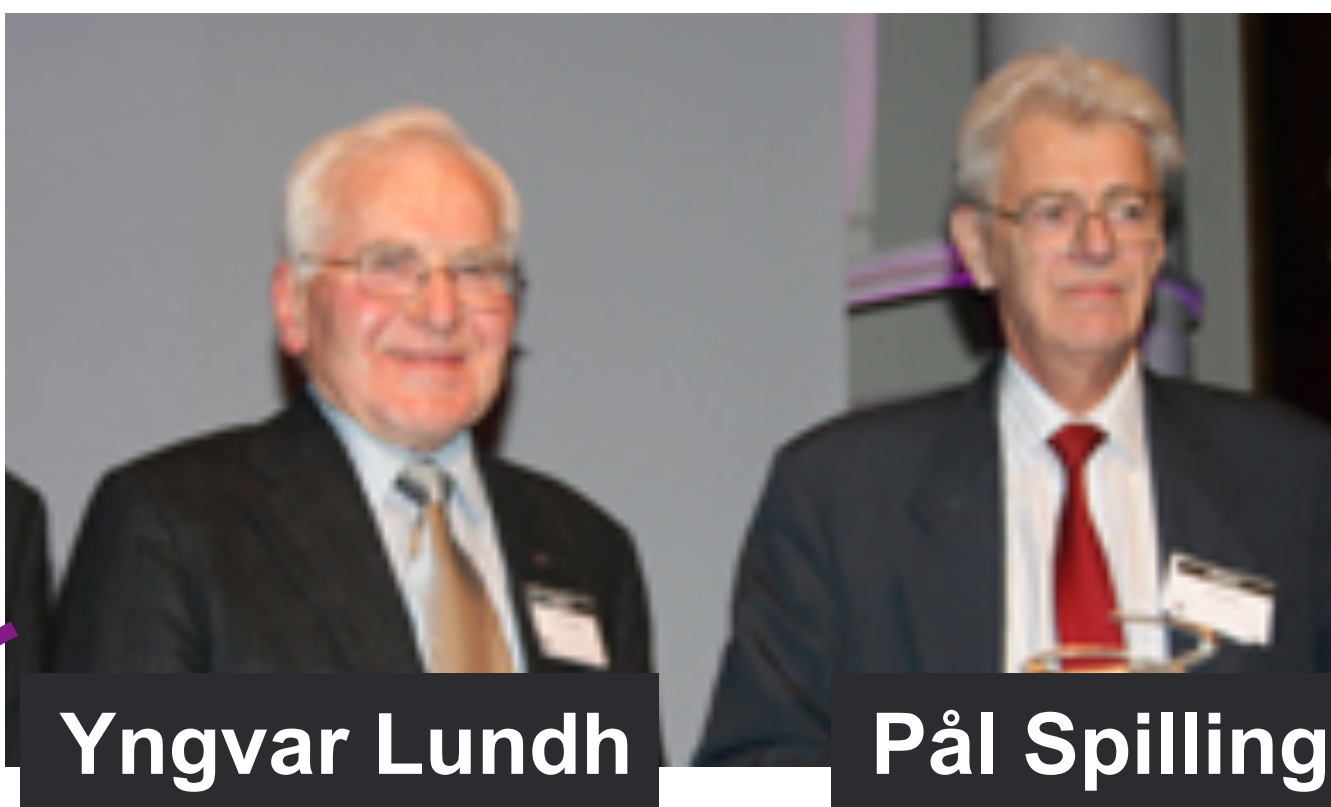
# Inclusive digitalisation in Norway and the Nordics/Baltics (N8)



1973: Internet to Kjeller/Europe

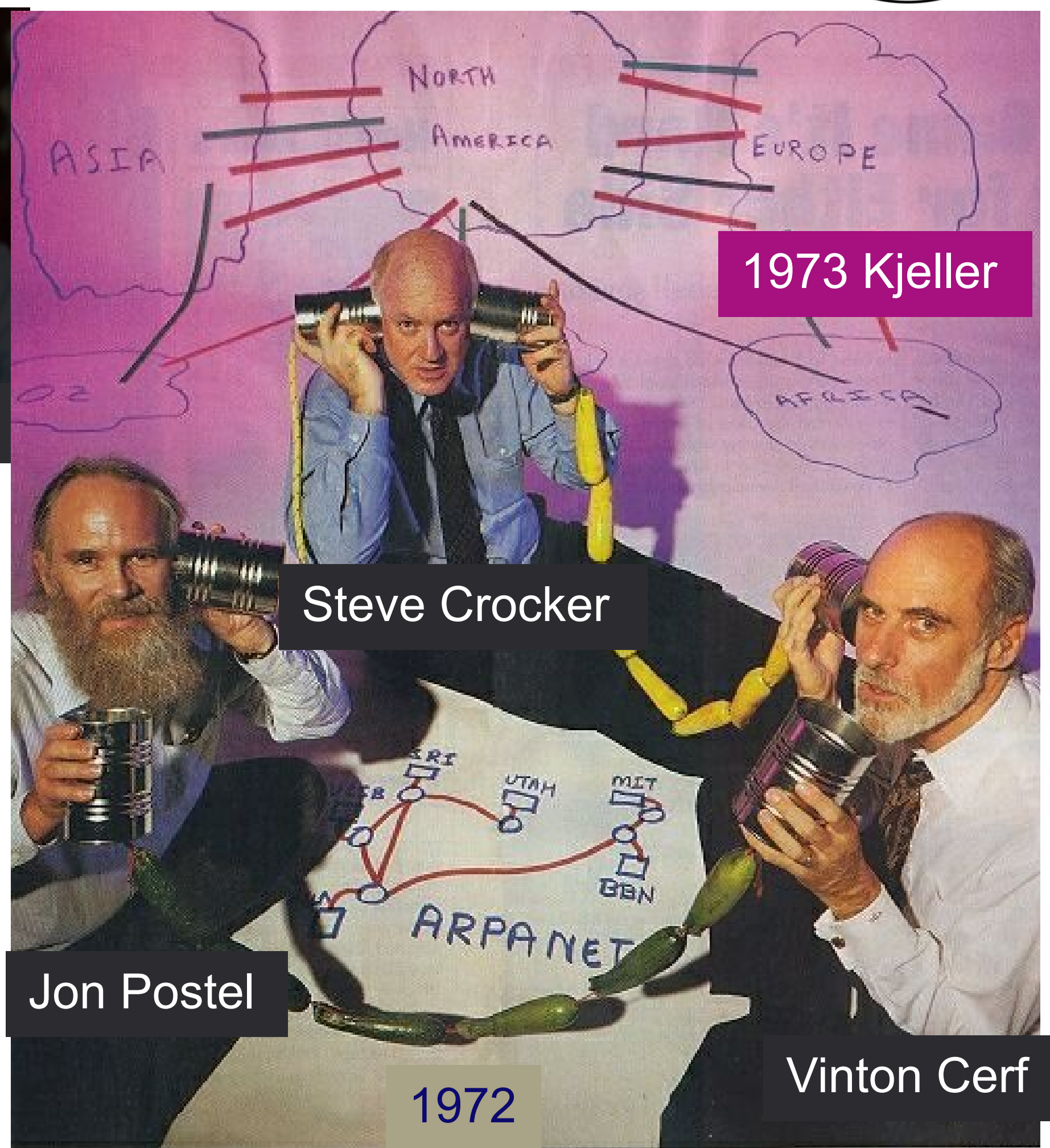
1994: Opera Software

2014:



Yngvar Lundh

Pål Spilling



1973 Kjeller

Steve Crocker

Jon Postel

Vinton Cerf

1972

## Nordics & Baltics (N8)

- php, OpenSource, Linux, Skype, Spotify
- Opera Software, FAST search
- Nokia, Ericsson
- GSM
- GovStack.global, X-Roads





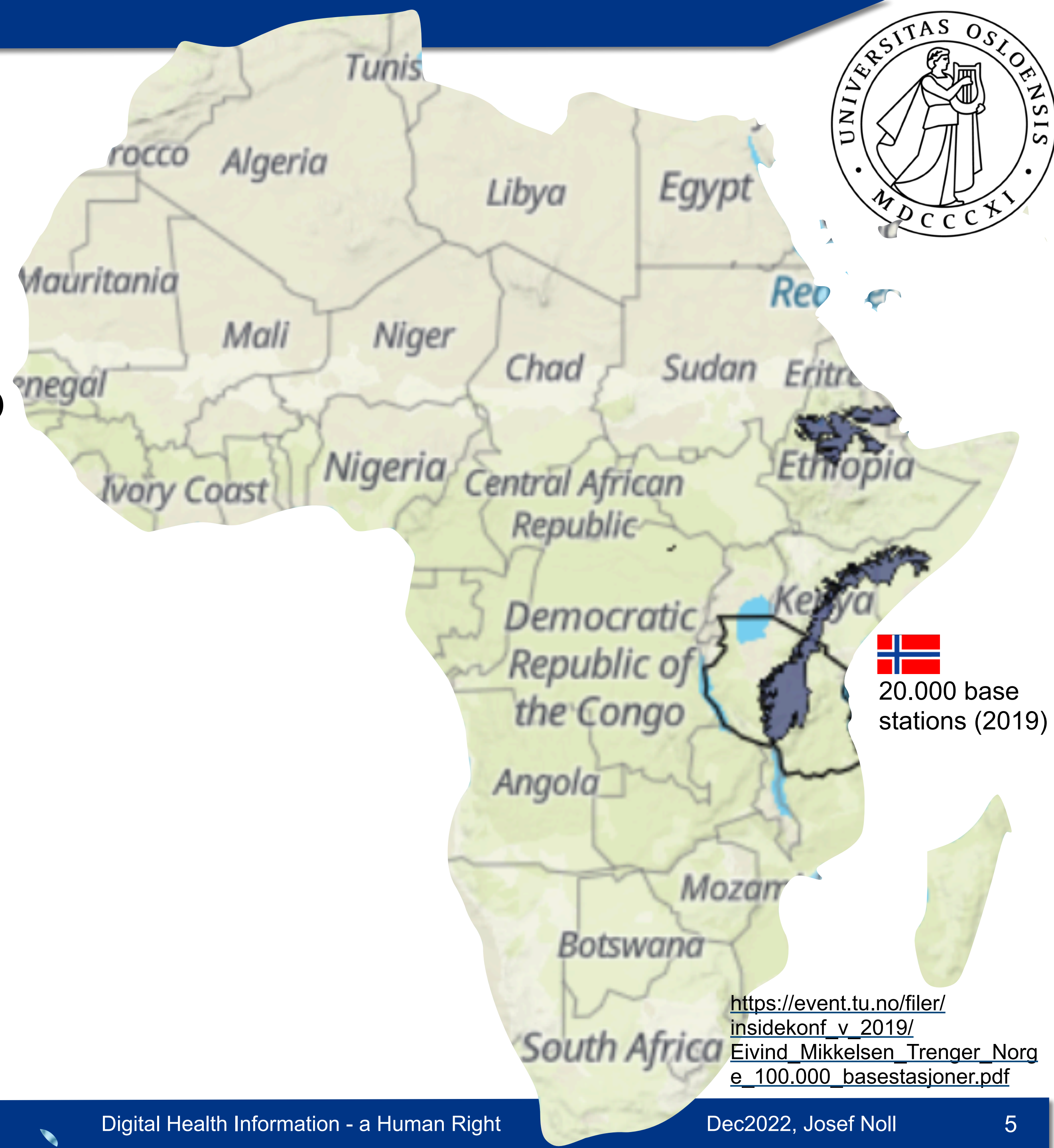
# The Business Model of access to Internet

## → Western World

- fixed access (home, work) - 45 USD
- mobile access - 20-30 USD

## → Africa

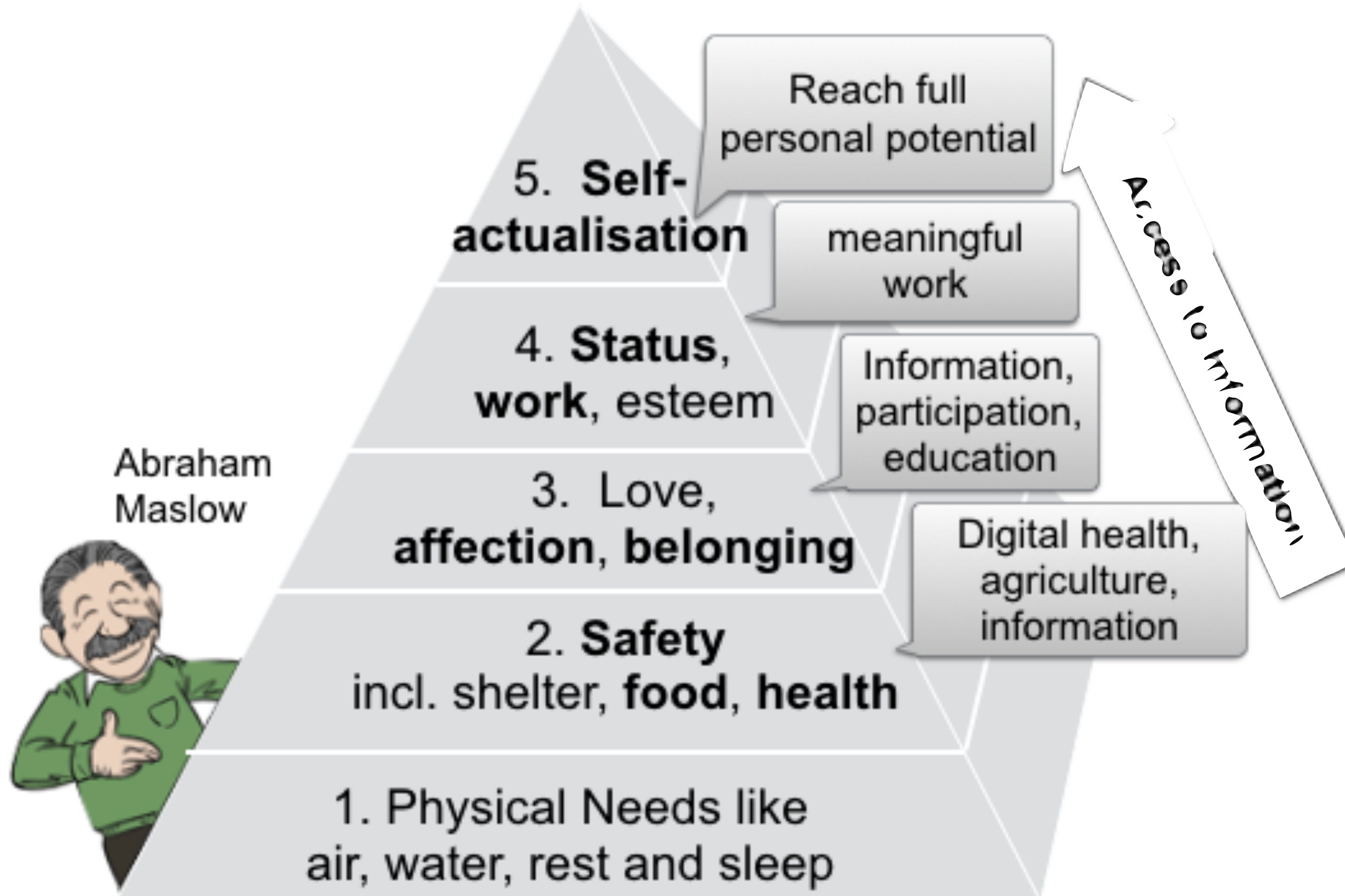
- large distances
  - expensive access (500 USD for 5 Mbps)
  - negligible fixed broadband
- ability to pay



[https://event.tu.no/filer/insidekonf\\_v\\_2019/Eivind\\_Mikkelsen\\_Trenger\\_Norge\\_100.000\\_basestasjoner.pdf](https://event.tu.no/filer/insidekonf_v_2019/Eivind_Mikkelsen_Trenger_Norge_100.000_basestasjoner.pdf)



# How to we reach every single human?



[adopted from: <https://shift-magazine.net/2015/11/17/the-economics-of-human-need/>]

- Digital Public Goods (DPGs) & GovStack
  - decentralised DPGs
  - digital transformation
  - GovStack for local governments
  - digital health empowerment





# Community involvement

for meaningful access tailored towards the needs & capabilities

→ WIR vs ICH (*we vs me*)

- **Werte** (*values*)
- **Inklusivität** (*inclusivity*)
- **Resilience**

Value creation  
Trust & confidence

Explore, Affection  
Opportunities

Empowerment, Work  
Digital Transformation

Self-actualisation  
Entertainment





# The Internet failed

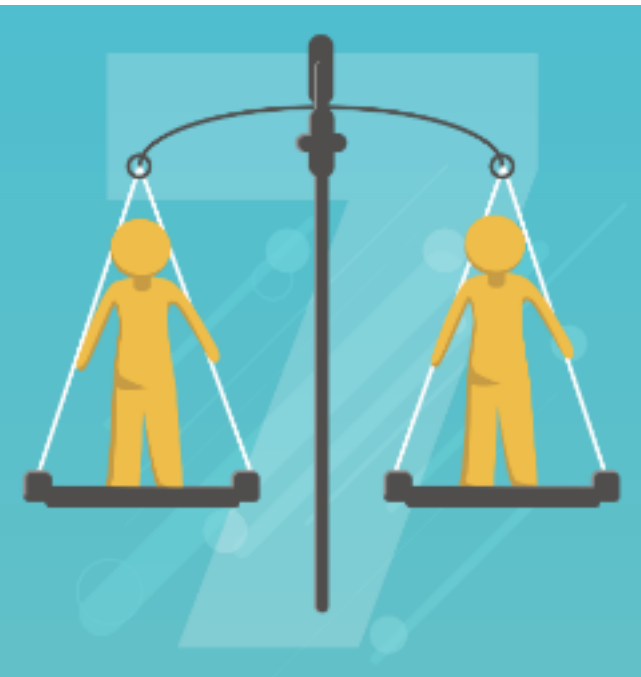
“Internet had the ability to  
dismantle the divide.  
Internet failed miserably, the  
divide is bigger than ever.”  
Kate Gilmore, Human Rights, UNO





# Universal Declaration of Human Rights - digital world perspective

- ➔ Article 1. Free and **equal**. ...
- ➔ Article 2. Freedom from **discrimination**. ...
- ➔ Article 3. Right to **life** and to live in freedom and **safety**
- ➔ Article 4. Freedom from slavery. ...
- ➔ Article 5. Freedom from torture. ...
- ➔ Article 6. Right to recognition before the law. ...
- ➔ Article 7. Right to **equality** before the law. ...
- ➔ Article 8. Access to **justice**.





## Rights

- 7. (1) This Bill of Rights is a cornerstone of democracy in South Africa. It enshrines the rights of all people in our country and affirms the democratic values of human dignity, equality and freedom.
- (2) The state must respect, protect, promote and fulfil the rights in the Bill of Rights.

## Equality

- 9. (1) Everyone is equal before the law and has the right to equal protection and benefit of the law.

## Human dignity

- 10. Everyone has inherent dignity and the right to have their dignity respected and protected.

## Access to information

- 32. (1) Everyone has the right of access to—
  - (a) any information held by the state; and
  - (b) any information that is held by another person and that is required for the exercise or protection of any rights.
- (2) National legislation must be enacted to give effect to this right, and may provide for reasonable measures to alleviate the administrative and financial burden on the state.

digital world

# Age

# The Constitution

OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, 1996



As adopted on 8 May 1996 and amended on 11 October 1996 by the Constitutional Assembly





# What if ...

**We revisit access**

**We decentralise the Internet**

**We use Universities to connect**

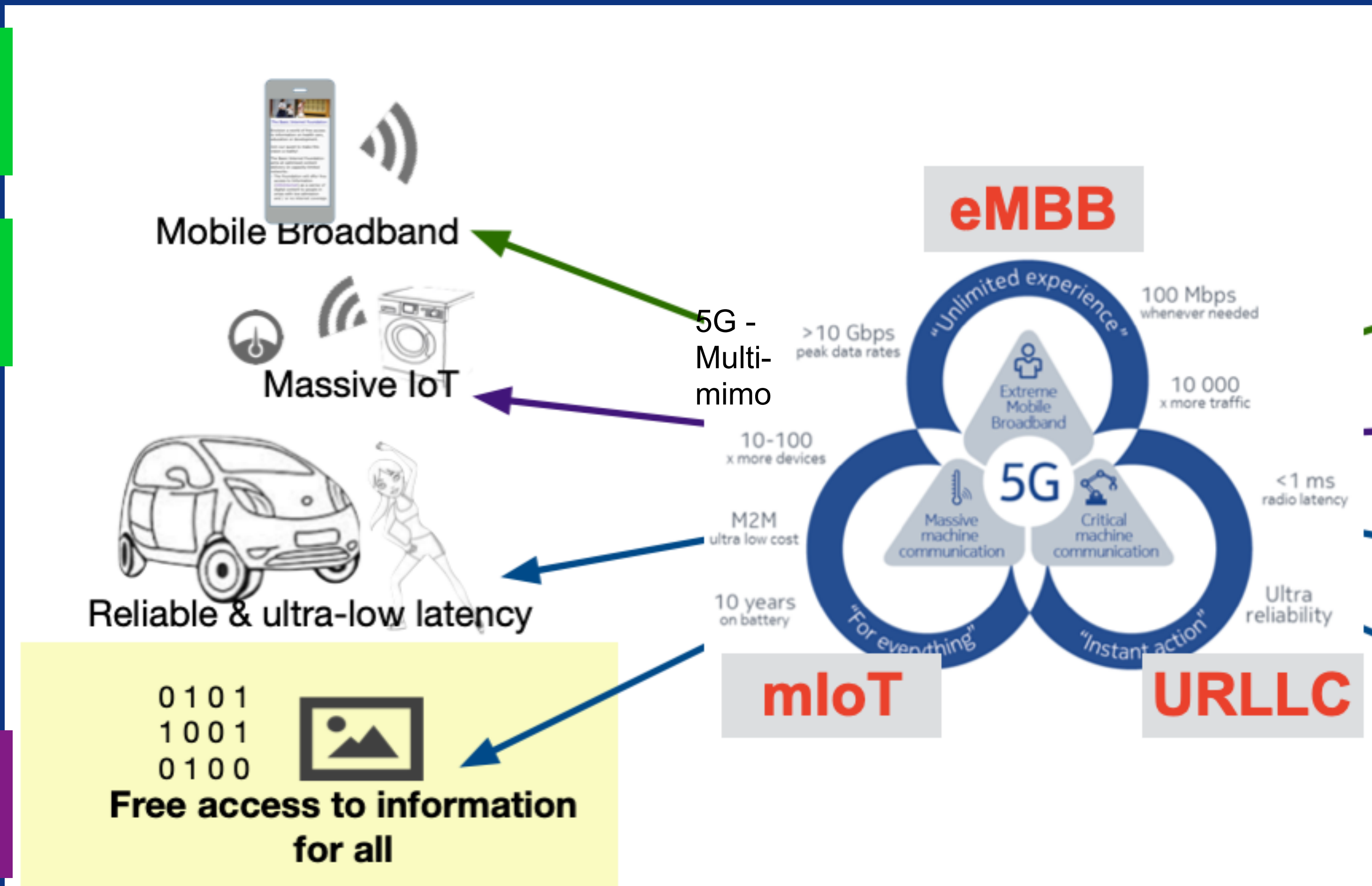


# Revisit Access

Road model: pedestrians & cyclists

Digital pedestrians, digital cyclists vs digital cars (broadband)

Internet Lite





# How can we “Connect The Future”?

## Specific focus: Girls & Women

Josef Noll @josefnoll · Jun 2

Amazing opening by @ITU @ITUsecGen Houlin Zhao, setting the scene for connecting every single human by 2030, and @meilinfung, addressing the history of the Internet and #NRENs to connect schools. We're in @CateKimambo @RosalynnMworia @UcsafT @AheriNet @cisskisumu @WSISprocess



through Community Learning Living Labs (CL&L)



# Digital Health Promotion



migoli.yeboo.com/health\_information\_dashboard.php

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Watch "The story of tapeworms" here, take the quiz and learn about tapeworms and cysticercosis here.

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### Anthrax

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### Tuberculosis

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### HIV Aids

Quality treatment, quality longer life for infected.

### Cholera

Cholera is an infectious disease that causes severe

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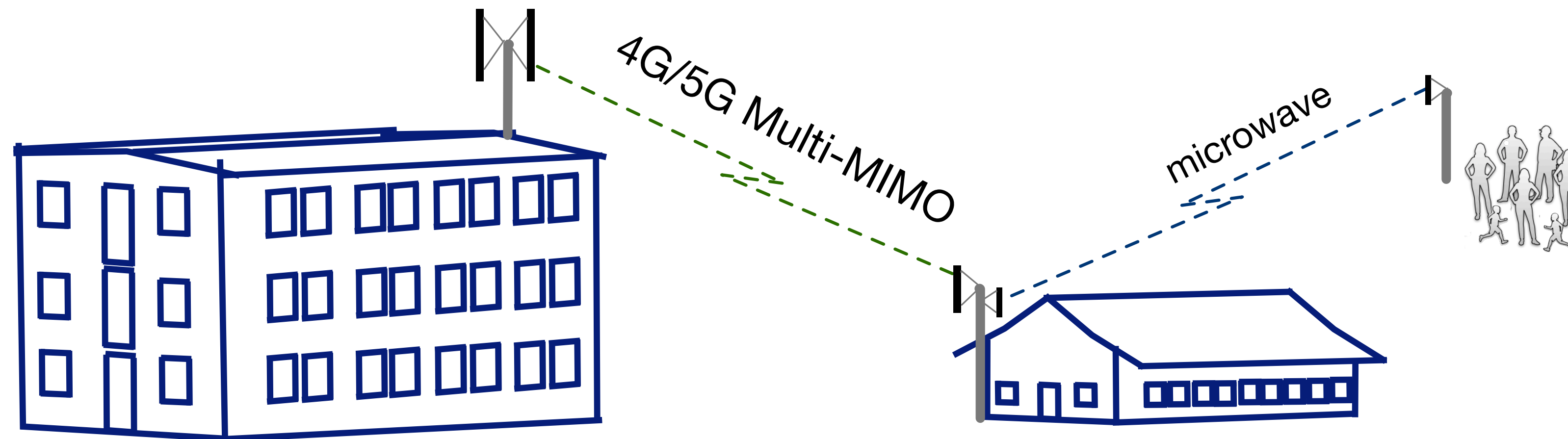
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[DigitalGlobalHealth.no](http://DigitalGlobalHealth.no)



# The role of Universities

## “more toys for boys - or societal impact?”

- Inclusive and empowered (digital) societies
- From NRENs to Schools and Communities
- Regional Competence Centres (RCCs) for
  - the Digital Transformation
  - Connect Schools & Communities
  - practical experiences



InfoSpots for **CL&L**  
Community  
Learning &  
Living  
Labs

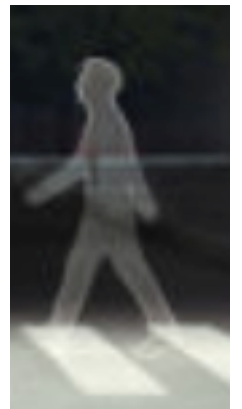


# Conclusions: What if...

- Policy “Information for everyone”
  - Freemium Model,
  - Internet Lite, AMP, other lightweight
- School/Village Communication
  - NREN to SchoolConnectivity to CL&L
  - 4G/5G MIMO
- Community Learning Living Lab (CL&L)
  - InfoSpot in every village
  - local empowerment

Access to Health Information -  
a basic Human right

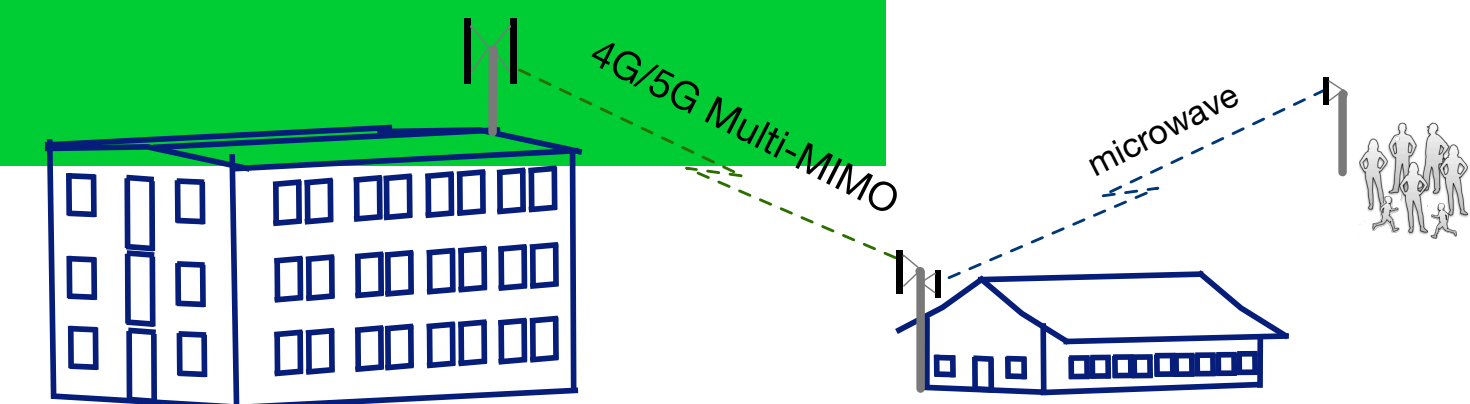
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# Histories

“My mobile is more important than a weapon”  
Head of Mbaash, TZ



Catherine R Kimambo connecting her first village  
<https://vimeo.com/368147538> - 2020



Mount Kenya - our cultural heritage  
Usingo Secondary School, KE

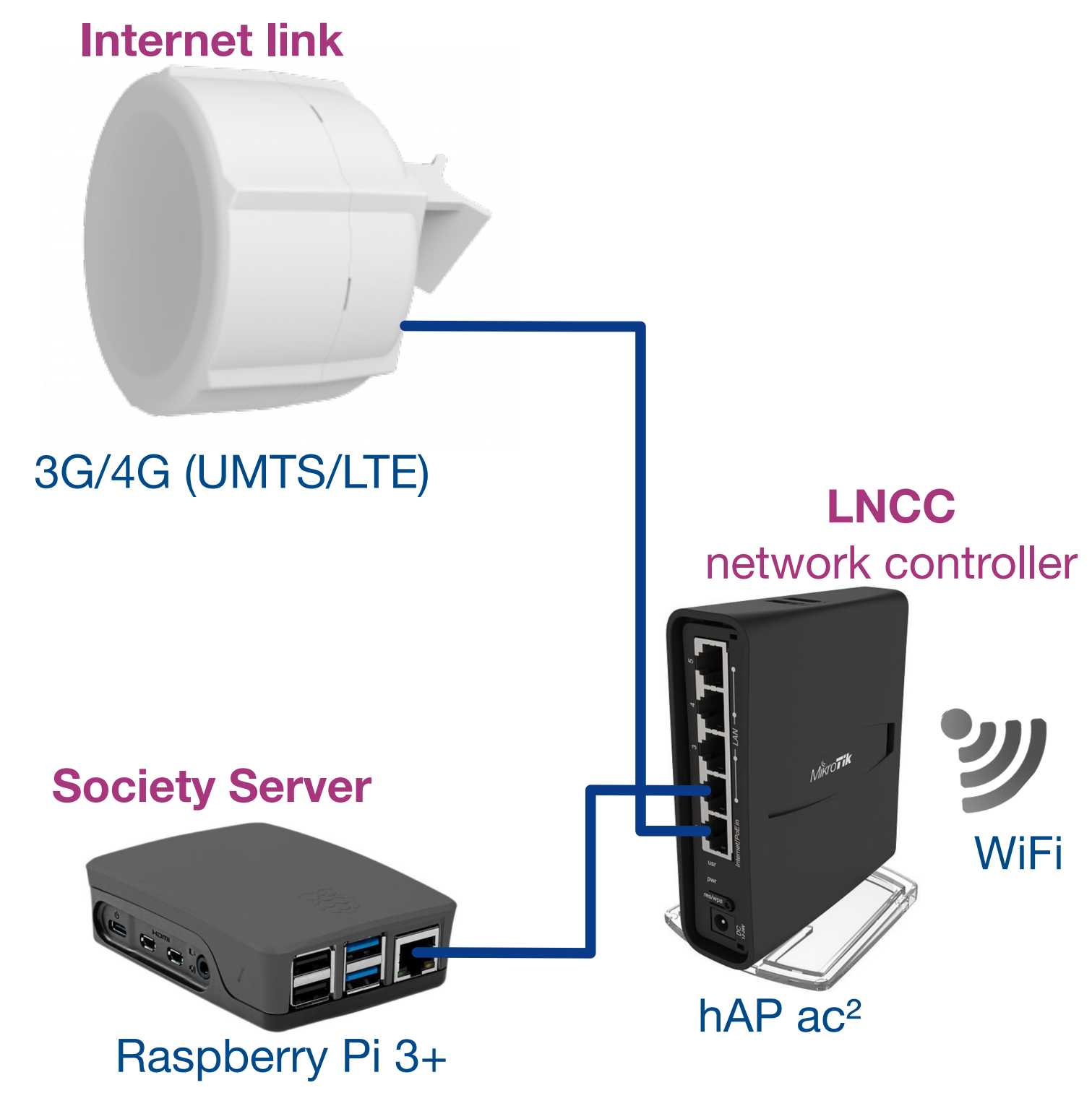






# Solving the challenge of access

- wireless information spot (InfoSpot)
- Reaching out >20 km to mobile network
- Affordable solution: OPEX <20 USD/month



**#1: Every village needs a wireless Information Spot with free access to information**



# “Connect the Unconnected” Izazi



Installation time: 1,5 h  
catching the signal from the Vodacom  
tower in Migoli (~10km away)

Village office



Bishop Okoth Girls Mbagu Sec  
1 750 girls

Ulafu Mixed Sec  
450 girls & boys

**45 SCHOOLS**

Obama Mixed Secondary  
550 girls & boys

Malele Mixed Sec  
575 girls & boys

Ratta mixed sec  
780 girls & boys



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780 girls & boys



Kolweny Kingsway Sec  
342 girls & boys

Bishop Linus Okok Girls  
High School, 1660 girls

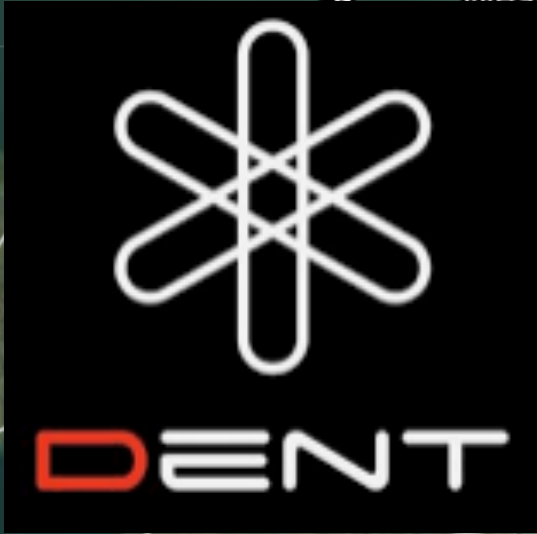
St. Paul Oriang  
380 boys & girls

**Students connected Sep/Oct 2021**  
*Kisumu county*

*Siaya county*

- parallel to GIGIconnect first
- **5 Mbit/s over LTE** (dedicated SIM cards)
- 58 USD/month

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