

# Kenyan gov't embraces open source



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TechCentral wraps up the major technology news from around the African continent.

The Kenyan government is ditching proprietary software in favour of free and open-source software alternatives in a move it hopes will save it money.

According to a report in *Business Daily*, the migration away from proprietary systems will see related costs go down by 20% initially but by as much as 80% within three years of the move having taken place.

## ...Sanlam, Bharti partner on financial services

Indian-controlled mobile operator Bharti Airtel, which has operations in 17 countries across Africa, has partnered with SA's Sanlam to [offer insurance products](#) on a non-exclusive basis in seven countries on the continent.

## ...Airtel, Essar want lower wholesale rates

Bharti Airtel and Essar Telecom Kenya have written to the Kenyan government asking for a reduction in the country's mobile termination rates, the fees operators charge each other to carry calls between their networks. The rates are set at 2,21 shillings, or about R0,21/minute.

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