

List of bilateral physical missing links or links to be upgraded as a high priority

Country pairs	Status of fibre connectivity	Remarks
South-East Asia		
Indonesia/Malaysia	Although undersea connectivity exists between Indonesia and Malaysia, no direct connectivity is present between the countries' states on the island of Borneo.	
Lao People's Democratic Republic to Yunnan, Province of China	Enterprise of Telecommunications Lao operates a fibre link to Yunnan Province, China via Boten, linking to China Telecom at 2 Gbps.	The Lao People's Democratic Republic-China route would benefit from greater competition and redundancy in this key North-South axis.
South and South-West Asia		
Bangladesh/Myanmar	A terrestrial fibre link between the two countries is in the process of being implemented.	Additional fibre links are needed in order to ensure that Bangladesh has redundant bilateral connectivity with more than one country. Myanmar to also benefit from additional routes.
Bhutan/India	Although Bhutan has two terrestrial links to India, both fibre paths converge in Siliguri, raising concerns about the vulnerability of Bhutan's international connectivity.	Diversification of Bhutan's fibre links to India is urgently needed in order to ensure the robustness of the country's international connectivity.
India/Myanmar	A 640-km terrestrial fibre link was completed in 2010 and is operated by BSNL and Myanmar Post and Telecommunications.	The India-Myanmar border is a critical corridor for connectivity between India and Southeast Asia and further afield, requiring multiple fibre links.
India/Pakistan	A terrestrial fibre link has been constructed between India and Pakistan, but remains dormant as of mid-2014.	Deploying more robust connectivity between India and Pakistan could be an important step towards closer economic partnerships.
Nepal/China	A link between China and Nepal via Tatopani was proposed in 2010, but as of 2014 the status of its development could not be confirmed. Linked established but damaged during the recent earthquake and currently Nepal telecom is in the process of establishing another link with China via Kerunang.	Given Nepal's almost exclusive reliance upon terrestrial connectivity with India, this could enhance diversification connectivity via China.
Pakistan/China	A fibre link between Pakistan and China is currently under construction.	Both Pakistan and China would benefit from improved fibre connectivity, as the single fibre link under implementation is not considered to be a definitive, long-term solution for linking the two countries with robust connectivity.
North and Central Asia		
Kazakhstan/Turkmenistan	One fibre link of STM-64 at 10 Gbps using SDH network technology.	Connectivity between the two countries is considered to be vulnerable due to the presence of only one link; Turkmenistan would gain significantly from additional transit paths via Kazakhstan onward to Russian Federation.
Kyrgyzstan/Uzbekistan	One fibre connection using SDH network technology.	

Tajikistan/ Uzbekistan	Connected by only one link capacity STM-1 at 155.52 Mbps.	
Turkmenistan/ Uzbekistan	Relatively antiquated Trans Asia Europe Line.	Given the age of the only link between the two countries, additional fibre is urgently needed between Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.
Turkey/Armenia	No activated fibre capacity between Turkey and Armenia could be identified.	
Mongolia/China	Only one connection.	Given the importance of Mongolia-China connectivity not only to Mongolia but also within the context of lucrative Europe-to-Asia demand, greater geographic diversity is needed in the fibre connectivity between the two countries.
Mongolia/Russia	Only one cable connection.	As is the case with the Mongolia-China crossing, the Mongolia-Russia crossing is a key outlet for Mongolian demand but it also serves lucrative Europe-to-Asia capacity, which is expected to increase significantly.
Kyrgyzstan/Tajikistan	No cable connection	

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