

# **The Asian Information Superhighway: Harnessing Cross-Sectoral Infrastructure Synergies**

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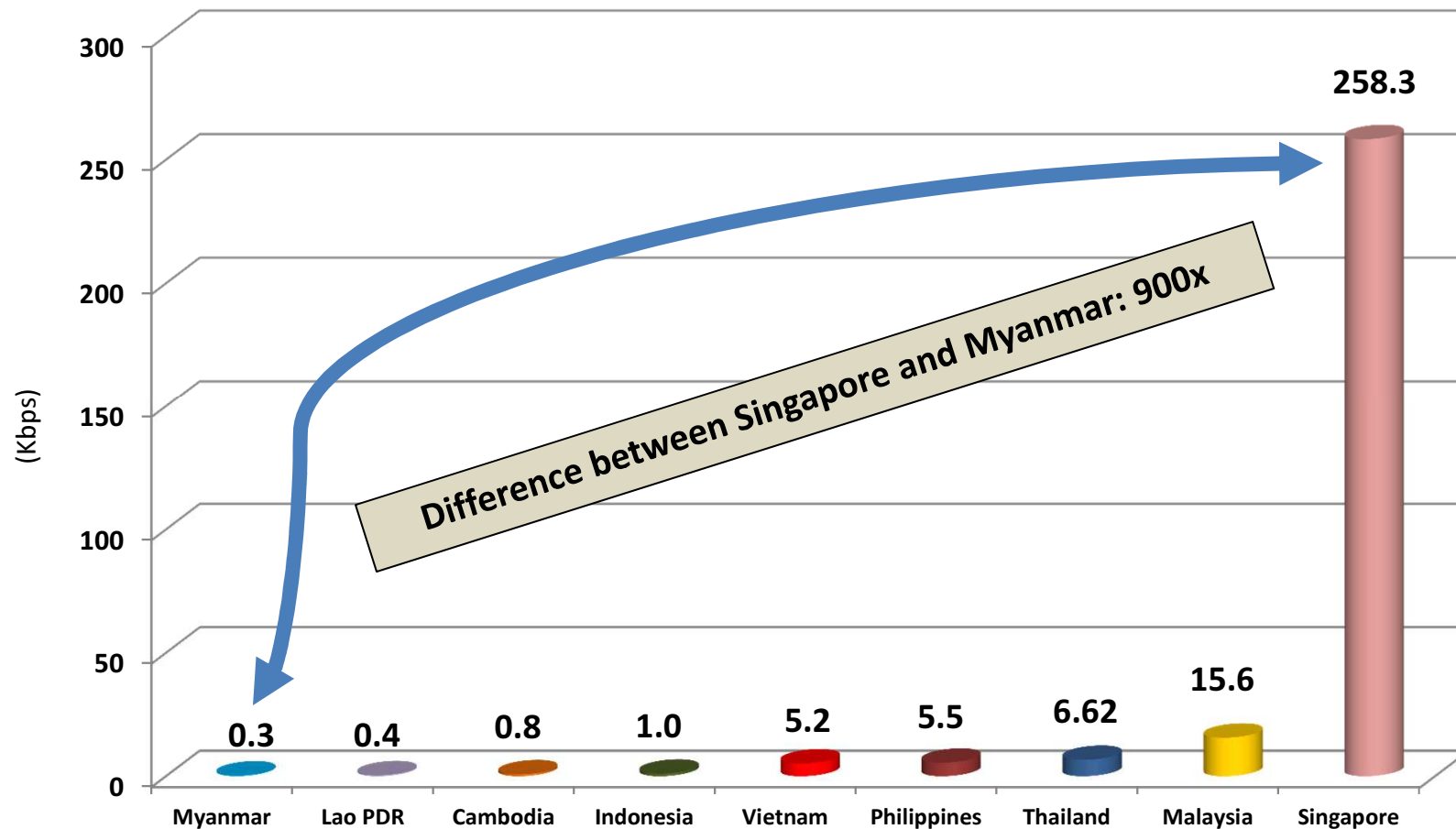
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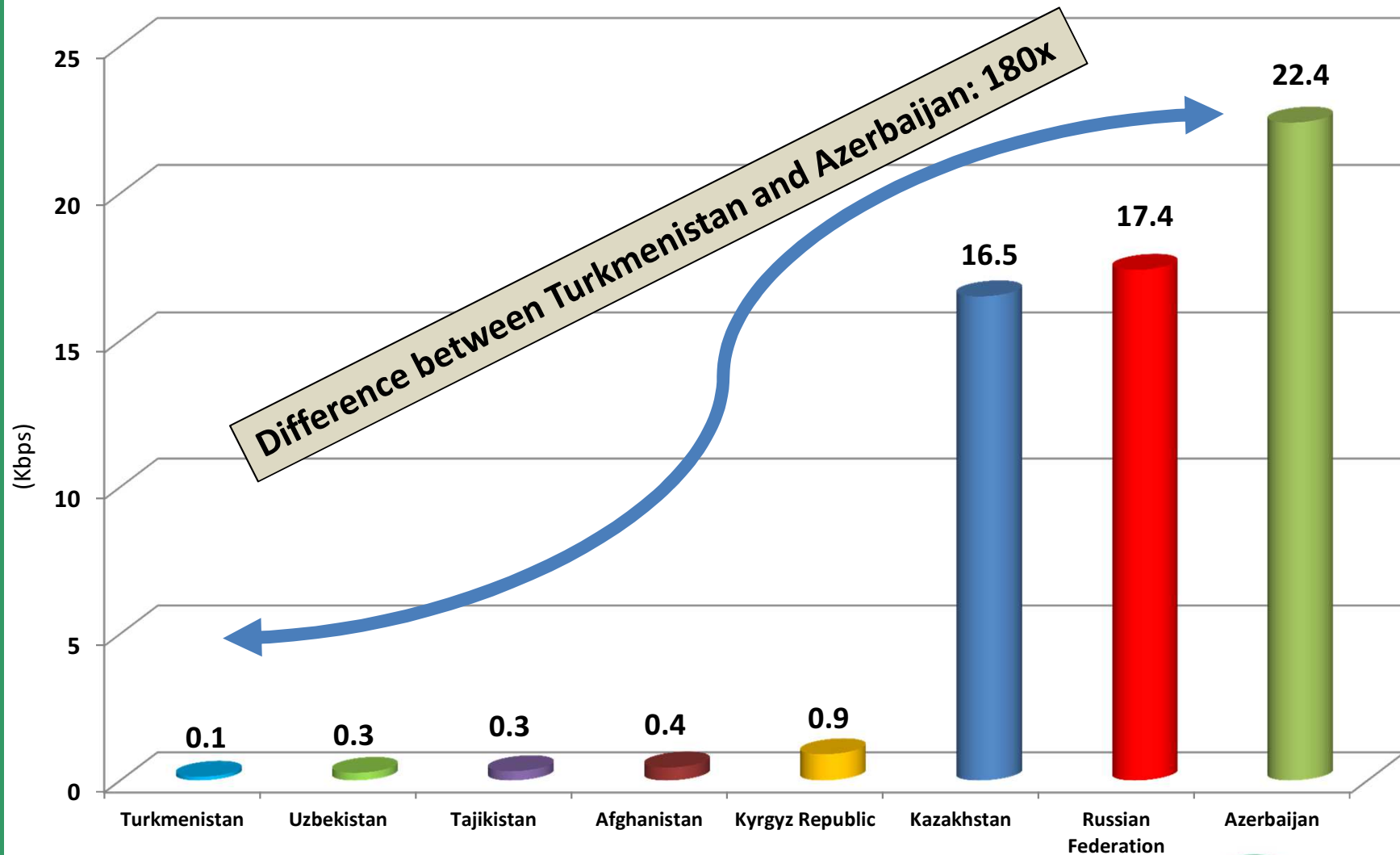
## Identifying the Key Problem:

# Regional Bandwidth Inequality

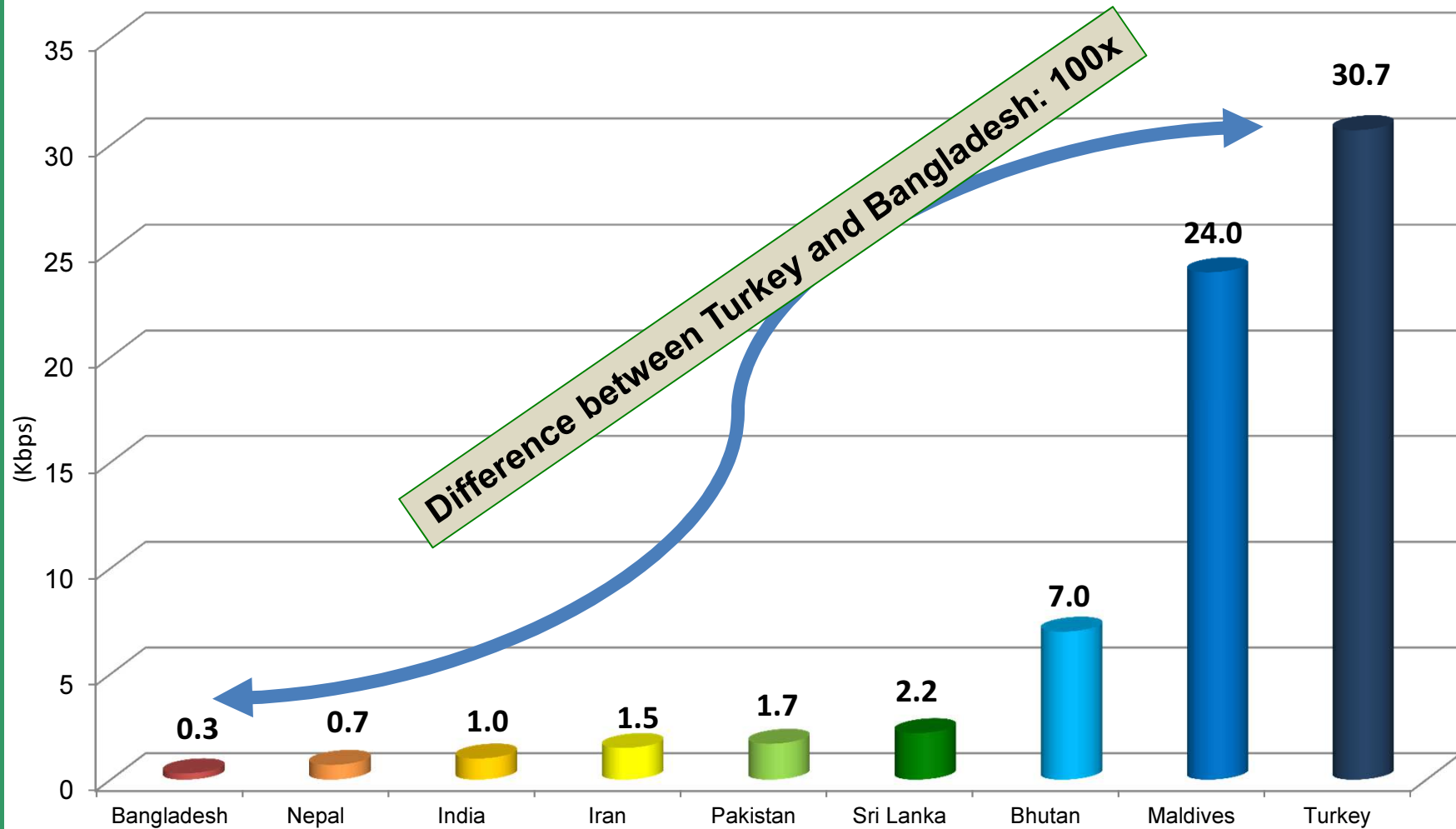
# Int'l. Internet Bandwidth per Capita in ASEAN



# Int'l. Internet Bandwidth per Capita in Central Asia



# Int'l. Internet Bandwidth per Capita in W. and So. Asia



## Understanding the Problem's Impact:

**Regional Bandwidth Inequality  
is an Obstacle to  
Economic Growth,  
Social Development,  
and Regional Integration**

## Broadband Divide: an Obstacle to the Region's Overall Growth

- In countries with lower international bandwidth,
  - **Telecom and Internet markets** are underdeveloped and less competitive
  - **Domestic telecom infrastructure** is weaker and penetration rates are lower
  - **Broadband Internet services** are generally unaffordable
  - Overall **economic growth and social development** are restrained
  - Many of the countries have effectively become **detached from the global Internet economy**
- This has a negative impact not only on the poorer countries themselves, but **also on the region's economic leaders**, who suffer due to a lack of trade & investment opportunities

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**g the Root Cause of the Problem:**

**restrial Fiber Optic Connectivity  
Across the Region**