

ECA awards first telecom licence to Vodafone-led consortium

James Hebert

26/05/2021

The Ethiopian Communications Authority (ECA) has awarded the first of its 2 tendered telecom licences to a Vodafone-led consortium.

[Bids were submitted](#) on 26 April (2021).

The sponsors will set up the first privately-owned mobile network in Ethiopia, which is expected to cost at least \$200 million.

The members of the consortium – the Global Partnership for Ethiopia (GPE) – are:

- Vodafone
- Vodacom
- Safaricom
- Sumitomo Corporation
- Development Finance Corporation (US-DFC)

The consortium is also being supported by the CDC Group.

The GPE was 1 of 2 consortia that submitted RFP bids for the tender, the ECA said in a release. The other bidding group is an MTN-led consortium which is supported by the Silk Road Fund.

The ECA is being advised on the tender by the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

Thank you for printing this article from IJGlobal.

As the leading online publication serving the infrastructure investment market, IJGlobal is read daily by decision-makers within investment banks, international law firms, advisory firms, institutional investors and governments.

If you have been given this article by a subscriber, you can contact us through www.ijglobal.com/sign-in, or call our London office on +44 (0)20 7779 8870 to discuss our subscription options.