

ShowMax partners with Seacom in East Africa

Kenyans can now enjoy faster connections with less buffering as ShowMax partnered with SEACOM, a data service provider and the first company to launch broadband submarine cables along Africa's eastern and southern coastlines.



Seacom will now host ShowMax caching servers in Nairobi, allowing for peering to take place with local internet service providers (ISPs).

ShowMax head of distribution Mike Raath said: “The net effect of placing caching servers in Nairobi is that customers can pull video content from much closer to home, which means faster response time and less buffering. This move also lays the groundwork for further expansion in East Africa as we continue to rollout ShowMax in new countries.”

In addition to delivering an improved customer experience, this agreement also brings benefits to local ISPs in the form of lower costs.

“By peering with local ISPs, they’ll now be able to get ShowMax content directly rather than having to pay transit costs from servers based thousands of kilometres away. This is yet another way we’re working to make sure that ShowMax is the internet TV service listening to the needs of consumers and partners in Africa,” said Raath.