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Sommario/riassunto	Information and communication technologies (ICTs) have been a remarkable success in Africa. In just 10 years-dating from the end of the 1990s-mobile network coverage rose from 16 percent to 90 percent of the urban population and by 2009 nearly half of Africa's rural population was also living within range of a mobile network.

Large-scale investment in the sector across the continent has transformed telecommunications from a luxury enjoyed by a privileged few to a mass-market, low-cost service, used in villages and cities alike.
