Onix Data Centres Ltd participated in West Africa region roundtable "How will **#growth** of **#digital** infrastructure be sustained" at **Platform Markets Group #PlatformAfrica** in Marrakesh. To digital infrastructure investors who wonder why go to West Africa? The answer was because of the stability of the currency.

I caught up with **Mamadou KEBE** and asked about the current status of data centres in Africa and the future of the market.

"Studies indicate we need 1000MW of compute power until 2030 on the level of the whole African continent. We are far from this capacity. To attain this capacity, there needs to be investments. One data centre with a 1MW capacity will require $10-$12M. So you see the amount required to attain that capacity. It's the time, the need is there, Africa is digitalising so its time for investors to anticipate this demand and come."

What are the main challenges?

"For certain countries, it's the currency. We noted that depending on the currency used, it can be restrictive. For example in Accra (Ghana) the cedi (GHS) lost value and this impacted business because you will commercialise your solutions in cedi and then have to exchange to reimburse investors. We don't have this problem in Senegal. The Franc CFA is pegged to the Euro. That means its relatively stable and allows us to avoid this problem."

Do you have **#middleeast** investors?

"Not for the time being but we will welcome them with pleasure on the African continent."