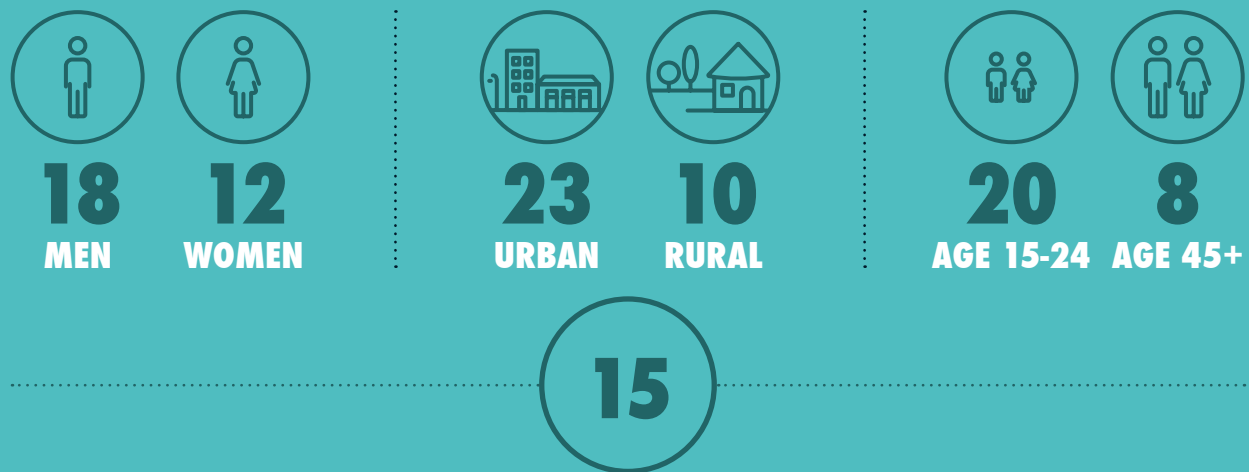


**FIGURE 3.1.**

# INTERNET AND MOBILE PHONE ACCESS IN AFRICA DIFFER GREATLY

Mobile phone access in sub-Saharan Africa has grown by leaps and bounds in the past decade: Almost 82 percent of all Africans had a cell phone in 2015. The internet, however, has not seen that sort of uptake, largely because of the infrastructure needed to provide it. Indeed, the world has an average of 209 internet servers per person and OECD members average 1087 servers per person, but the region averages only 10. Unsurprisingly, then, access to the internet remains low: Overall, only 15 in 100 Africans have access.

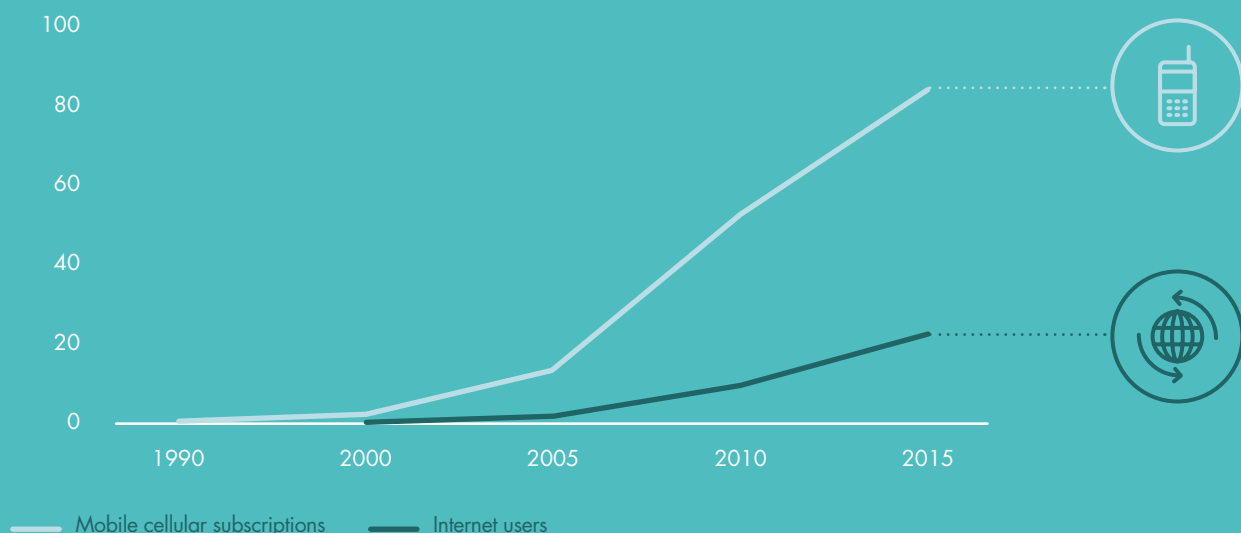
**Digital divide: Who has access to the internet in sub-Saharan Africa? (percent)**



## AVERAGE (INDIVIDUALS) FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES

Source: World Bank. 2016. World Development Report 2016: Digital Dividends. Washington, DC: World Bank. Based on data from Research ICT Africa (various years), ITU, and Eurostat (EC, various years). Data available at [http://bit.do/WDR2016-FigO\\_6](http://bit.do/WDR2016-FigO_6).

**Mobile cellular subscriptions and internet users in sub-Saharan Africa (per 100 people)**



Source: World Bank World Development Indicators (2015).