



Internet Resources for The Climate Reality Leadership Corps: Global Training

Climate Reality Leadership Corps trainings are free, but participants in our Global Training must provide their own internet-enabled device (computer, tablet, mobile device, etc.) and internet connection. We recognize that internet accessibility varies by location and have compiled a few resources that we hope will be helpful for participants in some of our <u>international branch</u> and <u>US</u> chapter locations.

Please note that the below resources are not exhaustive – there are many internet service providers (ISPs) and internet access options out there. Climate Reality has not used or tested these resources and cannot guarantee how reliable they will be or how companies may change their options, prices, and policies over time. Climate Reality does not have relationships with any company on this list, and a company's inclusion is not an endorsement by Climate Reality. These resources are intended as a starting point to make attendees aware of some of the internet options in their areas. We recommend you consider your personal internet needs and do some additional research into the providers and policies for your home country or locality.

To get started, here are a few general tips for maximizing your internet connection.

Africa	
 Accessibility varies widely across the continent. 	
Ghana	
 A few possibilities in Ghana: 	
• <u>airtel</u>	
• MTN	
 Vodafone 	
Nigeria	
 List of possible providers, ranked slowest to fastest. 	
Australia	
 National Broadband Network (nbn; not an ISP, builds the infrastructure for 	broadband
internet)	
 Check coverage area here. 	
 Check list of compatible phone/internet providers here. 	
 To help unconnected low-income families with school children 	get connected,
nbn will waive its \$37 monthly wholesale charge for internet provide	ers for many
services on the 25/5 Mbps speed tier between April and Septemb	er 2020.

- Article on **coronavirus assistance for energy and internet bills**, including internet provider assistance numbers for various ISPs, updated as plans change.
- Article on different providers' free data and call policies for coronavirus, updated as plans change.

Brazil

- Government program to set up free broadband internet in vulnerable communities, especially telecentres, schools, health units, Indigenous villages, border posts, and quilombos.
 - No estimate provided for how long this may take.
- These **providers** were ranked most accessible by the National Telecommunications Agency (Anatel).
- List of some additional internet service providers in Brazil.
 - If you do not already have an ISP, you may be able to find one near you on this list and ask them if they have any coronavirus or limited-income assistance.
 - A few ISPs with coronavirus assistance:
 - Claro
 - <u>Oi</u>

Canada

- Some **ISPs** are offering Canadians internet aid.
- Increasing internet access for rural and remote communities is a current topic of discussion in Canada.
- This **article** outlines ISPs with some of the fastest internet in Canada as well as the provinces and cities with the fastest internet connections.

India

• India has fairly widespread internet connectivity now and is mostly at 4G speed.

- While free hot spots are increasing, there is still very little coverage and speed is not good.
- The following private companies provide an estimated 90 percent of the coverage in India and may be available in your area:
 - Bharti Airtel
 - o Reliance Jio
 - o Vodafone

Indonesia

- Internet connectivity is increasing throughout Indonesia, especially through wireless connection options.
- Some free hot spots are available in government institutions like universities and libraries, when open to the public.
- A few ISP options include:
 - o Indosat
 - o **Telkom**
 - o **Telkomsel**
 - o XLAxiata

Mexico

- A few ISP options include:
 - **AT&T**
 - o **Izzi**

- o <u>Telmex</u>
- o **Totalplay**
- Viasat is working to **connect rural communities** in Mexico with satellite internet options. Check the service area **here**.

Philippines

- <u>Globe telecom</u> and <u>PLDT</u> are two ISPs offering a variety of free, reduced, and extended coverage options during this coronavirus situation.
- Many Philippine ISPs seem to be offering bill payment extensions during the pandemic. Inquire with your provider about your options.

United Kingdom

- The UK's major internet service and mobile providers have all agreed to take measures to keep people connected during COVID-19.
 - Click a provider's name to see their specific plan:
 - BT/EE
 - Gigaclear
 - Hyperoptic
 - KCOM
 - <u>02</u>
 - Openreach
 - Sky
 - TalkTalk
 - Three
 - Virgin Media
 - Vodafone
 - If you don't see your provider listed here, contact them for details.
- To find a possible provider, you can use this **availability checker**.

United States

This <u>article</u> provides an overview of how coronavirus may impact your internet availability.
 O Highlights a few ISPs offering free Wi-Fi.

- Has a search function at the bottom of the page to look up internet providers in your area, which people can cross reference with the list of companies and associations that have signed the "Keep Americans Connected Pledge."
 - More details of what various ISPs are offering. How long each program is offered varies.