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Abstract:

Apart from the development of Satellite connectivity across the Pacific Region, as of today there are upward of five (5) submarine cable projects being planned or underway in the Pacific Region. These projects all vary in terms of connectivity, capacity, and cost. Whilst some of these projects will not proceed as planned – they may join together, or other projects may ignite and come in their place! This is a lot of cable activity and investment for the Pacific Region, and the Pacific Region remains an attractive, dynamic and changing environment attracting investment from public and private quarters of the globe! As leaders of Telecommunications Organizations operating in the Pacific Region, it is important we understand and remain aware of all that is going on in our own backyard! This presentation is designed to give a quick overview of all the projects underway or planned as of today – and is designed to stimulate thought and ideas for the on-going connectivity development within the Pacific Region! This presentation will cover the latest developments of undersea international fibre optic cables in the Pacific, particularly noting the Samoa-Fiji Cable initiative currently planned for implementation by end-2016.

Biodata:

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