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**Abstract:**

Presentation of benchmark focused on connectivity beyond submarine cables which includes International IP transit costs, local and national connectivity including satellite communications which remains a major challenge towards viability for Telecom operators in the Pacific Islands.

**Biodata:**

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