

SHORT CLOSING STATEMENT

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That brings today's Satellite Connectivity Workshop to a close.

On behalf of the satellite community, I'd like to thank the APT, the APT Secretariat and the Government of Fiji for having this Workshop. I'd also like to thank the moderators and panelists for bringing this Workshop to life, as well as everyone in the audience for attending. One special thank you to Bess Boon, our SES marketing specialist, who made the logistical planning very easy.

The satellite community is truly grateful to have had the opportunity to put on this Workshop and to have had this dialogue with you. We hope that you found it informative and that it will be useful to you in your daily work.

I think three things come out clearly from today's Workshop:

1. Satellites have been providing essential connectivity to the Pacific for decades – everything from international connections, to mobile backhaul to disaster recovery
2. The satellite community has been innovating and investing in a lot of new capacity and services over the Pacific that is only now coming on line – both in GEO and in non-GEO
3. To capture the full benefit of these investments and innovation, regulatory frameworks may need to be adapted and harmonized, and the satellite spectrum that is being or will be used to deliver these new services will have to be protected and kept useable for satellite application

We'd be happy to continue the dialogue on these and any other satellite topics over the next few days during the PRF-P.