

SHORT OPENING STATEMENT

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Thank you, Khun Areewan, and to the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for holding this workshop on Satellite Connectivity as prelude to the 10th Policy & Regulatory Forum for the Pacific.

Special thanks must also go to the Government of Fiji for hosting us.

My name is Daniel Mah. I'm Senior Legal & Regulatory Counsel at SES – a global satellite operator – but today I represent the greater satellite community at large. I'll be also your MC for today's Satellite Connectivity Workshop

Today's Workshop is truly a collaborative effort by the satellite community in the Pacific. ABS, AsiaSat, Intelsat, Inmarsat, Kacific, Measat, O3b, OneWeb, SKY Perfect JSAT, and SES are all proud sponsors of today's workshop, as are CASBAA and APSCC – the two of the main satellite industry associations in the Asia-Pacific region.

We are very pleased to see so many of you here at the Workshop. You'll see in front of you the Programme for today. The Workshop will consist of 3 Sessions – and together they cover the past, present and future of satellite connectivity in the Pacific.