Optimising Subsea Network Infrastructure & Projects

11-12 February 2026
Marina Bay Sands, Singapore

Subsea Networks 2026 is the essential global platform for telecommunications leaders and innovators, showcasing the latest breakthroughs in fiber optic technology and subsea cable deployment, exploring the transformative power of AI and machine learning in network optimisation, and addressing critical strategies for building resilient and secure subsea communication infrastructure to power our interconnected world.

What's Unique
- Bringing in over 20+ years of experience and expertise in the Energy, Oil, Gas, Exploration and Production space across top-notch leading industry events
- Home to a global community of over 20,000+ members of our Oil & Gas IQ and FPSO Network
- The only platform which provides a holistic overview of Subsea Energy, Security, Defence and Networks

Key Themes
- Next-Generation Subsea Cables & Technologies
- AI and Machine Learning in Subsea Networks
- Resilience and Redundancy in Subsea Networks
- Subsea Data Centres
- Connectivity for Offshore Industries

Who Should Attend
Subsea Networks brings together industry leaders across Government, Telcos, Hyper-Scalers as well as Subsea Cable Owners and Operators responsible for:
- Chief Operations Officer
- VP Strategic Projects
- Head Submarine & International Connectivity
- VP Submarine Cable Partnership Development & Global Sourcing
- Senior Manager, International Infrastructure
- Director, Global Projects & Submarine Cable Development

Meet the Subsea Nexus Week 2026 Speakers:

- **Mr Carl-Oskar Bohlin**, Minister for Civil Defence, **Swedish Ministry of Defence**
- **Bruno Lété,** Defence Policy Director & Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister, **Cabinet of the Belgian Minister of Defence**
- **COMMO EDWIN M NERA PN**, Acting Chief of Naval Staff for Operations, **Philippine Navy**
- **John Healey**, Minister of Defence, **United Kingdom Ministry of Defence**
- **Antti Häkkänen**, Minister of Defence, **Finland Ministry of Defence**
- **Tore O. Sandvik**, Minister of Defence, **Norway Ministry of Defence**
- **Abdel Mageed Ahmed Abdel Mageed Saqr**, Minister of Defence, **Egypt Ministry of Defence**
- **Bhupinder Singh**, President, Asia Pacific, **Vodafone Business**
- **Vinod Samarawickrama**, Global Program Head – Network Infrastructure & Ecosystems - VAMOS & OCASO, **Meta**
- **Dion Kristadi**, Vice President Subsea Project Orchestration, **Telin**
- **Isuru Binduhewa**, Head - Submarine & International Connectivity, **Dialog Axiata PLC**
- **Dotin Moussa C.**, Head of Network Administration, **ACE - Africa Coast to Europe Submarine Cable**
- **Rohitash Bhaskar**, Head of International Infrastructure, **Batelco**
- **Mohamad Izani Karim**, Group Head Subsea Business Development, **Telin**
- **Takeshi Kawasaki**, Director, **NTT Ltd. Japan**
- **Muniswaran Vathamuthu**, Head of Connectivity, **CelcomDigi**
- **Aws Al-Eryani**, Head of Capacity & Data, **TeleYemen**
- **Chan Tuck Han**, COO, **Super Sistem Group**
- **Paul Lin**, Managing Director, Commercial & Technology, APAC, **China Mobile International Limited**
- **Farhan Mohamed**, Managing Director - Senior Executive Advisor, **Djibouti Telecom**
- **Thiha Hlaing Htun**, Network Planning and Operations Director, **Ooredoo Myanmar**
- **Philippe A. Perrier**, Submarine Cable Systems Engineer, **Meta**
- **Ali Haider Shah**, Assistant Director, Leading Government Agency in Pakistan
- **Marvin Tan**, Senior Research Analyst, **TeleGeography**
- **Eckhard Bruckschen**, CTO, **IOEMA Fibre Ltd**
- **Asha Hemrajani**, Senior Research Fellow, **S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies**
- Senior Representative, **Sri Lanka Telecom**
- Senior Representative, **Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA)**
- **Xiaoning Qi,** Subsea Technical Director, **CNOOC**
- **Ali Haroon,** Head of Major Offshore Projects – Subsea & PL, **QatarEnergy**

Main Conference Day One Wednesday, 11 February 2026	
08:00	Morning Refreshments & Registration
08:50	Welcome Address by **Subsea Nexus 2026**
08:55	Opening Remarks by Chairperson
Connecting Energy, Security & Networks Beneath the Surface	
09:00	**Opening Panel Discussion** **Subsea Nexus – The Future of Integrated Subsea Operations** • AI-powered risk assessments optimising financial decisions for subsea projects. • Predictive analytics shaping subsea investment strategies. • Market outlook for integrated subsea energy, security, and network investments. Moderator: **Asha Hemrajani**, Senior Research Fellow, **S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies** (Reserved) Panellists: **Eckhard Bruckschen**, CTO, **IOEMA Fibre Ltd**
09:40	**Industry Thought Leadership**
10:10	**Subsea Infrastructure Resilience – Future-Proofing Against Threats & Failures** • AI-driven predictive analytics optimising subsea asset integrity. • Sustainable materials enhancing subsea infrastructure durability. • Investment trends in subsea resilience technologies
10:40	Speed Networking Session
11:00	Morning Break & Refreshments
Infrastructure Expansion & Capacity Scaling for Asia	
11:30	Welcome Address by **Subsea Networks 2026**
11:35	Opening Remarks by Chairperson
11:40	**Panel Discussion** **Route Resilience: Diversifying Asia's Subsea Pathways and Infrastructure** • Why route diversity matters: avoiding geopolitical chokepoints • Strategies to connect underserved geographies in Asia • Building terrestrial diversity to complement subsea resilience Panellists: **Mohamad Izani Karim**, Group Head Subsea Business Development, **Telin** **Rohitash Bhaskar**, Head of International Infrastructure, **Batelco** **Paul Lin**, Managing Director, Commercial & Technology, APAC, **China Mobile International Limited** **Ali Haider Shah**, Assistant Director, **Leading Government Agency in Pakistan**
12:20	**Industry Thought Leadership**
12:50	**Mapping the Subsea Networks Infrastructure Permitting Ecosystem in ASEAN** • Navigating inter-agency overlaps across national authorities • Understanding maritime boundaries and sovereignty-related review • Engaging local stakeholders early for permit success *Content to be confirmed* Senior Representative, **Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA)**
13:20	Lunch Break

14:20	**Connecting the Archipelago: Challenges in Indonesian Subsea Build-Outs** • Managing FADs, maritime constraints, and legacy policy issues • Telin's route planning logic and infrastructure prioritisation • Coordinating with global and regional partners **Dion Kristadi**, Vice President Subsea Project Orchestration, **Telin**
14:50	**Djibouti as a Strategic Interconnection Hub for Global Subsea Traffic** • Scaling landing station infrastructure to support Africa–Asia–Europe convergence • Positioning Djibouti as a carrier-neutral, geopolitically stable transit point • Expanding terrestrial backhaul and regional partnerships to extend reach beyond the coast **Farhan Mohamed**, Managing Director - Senior Executive Advisor, **Djibouti Telecom**
15:20	Afternoon Break & Refreshments
	Geopolitical and Regulatory Hurdles Impacting Project Timelines
15:50	**Navigating Subsea Deployment Bottlenecks in a Shifting Geopolitical Landscape** • Rerouting around the South China Sea: mapping new trade-offs in time, cost, and risk • Deployment bottlenecks: permitting delays, vessel shortages, and strained manufacturing capacity • Market implications: capacity pricing, route demand forecasts, and hyperscaler-driven investment flows **Marvin Tan**, Senior Research Analyst, **TeleGeography**
16:20	**Fireside Chat** **Positioning Sri Lanka as a Strategic Interconnect Hub in the Indian Ocean** • Unlocking regional growth through new subsea routes and landing station investments • National telecom's role in linking South Asia, Southeast Asia, and East Africa • Building resilience and redundancy through terrestrial-subsea synergy Panellists: **Isuru Binduhewa**, Head - Submarine & International Connectivity, **Dialog Axiata PLC** (Reserved) Senior Representative, **Sri Lanka Telecom**
17:00	**Chairperson's Closing Remarks and End of Conference Day 1**

Main Conference Day Two Thursday, 12 February 2026	
08:00	Morning Refreshments & Registration
08:50	Welcome Address by **Subsea Nexus 2026**
08:55	Opening Remarks by Chairperson
Critical Infrastructure & Connectivity	
09:00	**Panel Discussion** **Subsea Cybersecurity – Protecting Digital Infrastructure** • AI-driven threat detection securing subsea networks • Blockchain-enhanced cybersecurity for offshore operations • Investment trends in subsea cybersecurity
09:40	**Industry Thought Leadership**
10:10	**Subsea Energy & Data Networks – Optimising Connectivity & Power Distribution** • High-capacity subsea cables integrating offshore energy and data transmission. • AI-driven demand forecasting optimising energy and network distribution. • Market outlook for integrated subsea energy and data networks.
10:40	Speed Networking Session
11:00	Morning Break & Refreshments
Infrastructure Realignment Driven by Cables, Networks and Data Centre Clustering	
11:30	Welcome Address by **Subsea Networks 2026**
11:35	Opening Remarks by Chairperson
11:40	**Driving Enterprise Connectivity Through Subsea Investments** • Aligning carrier backbone strategies with enterprise demand • Multi-cloud and sub-sea network integration • Scaling resilience for Asia's digital infrastructure **Bhupinder Singh**, President, Asia Pacific, **Vodafone Business**
12:20	**Industry Thought Leadership**
12:50	**Panel Discussion** **Designing Subsea Infrastructure Around Hyperscaler Edge & Compute Zones** • Aligning landing locations with energy, cooling and compute availability • Building network resilience around data centre hotbeds • Coordinating across terrestrial and submarine networks for seamless interconnection Moderator: **Vinod Samarawickrama**, Global Program Head - Network Infrastructure & Ecosystems - VAMOS & OCASO, **Meta** Panellists: **Chan Tuck Han**, Chief Operating Officer, **Super Sistem Group** **Thiha Hlaing Htun**, Network Planning and Operations Director, **Ooredoo Myanmar** (Reserved) **Muniswaran Vathamuthu**, Head of Connectivity, **CelcomDigi** (Reserved)
13:20	Lunch Break

	Open Cable Systems & Vendor Disaggregation
14:20	**Panel Discussion** **Redesigning the Subsea Stack: Open Cables, Fibre Density & AI-Driven Infrastructure** • Unlocking new capacity through open cable systems and advanced optical configurations • Scaling fibre density to meet the explosive bandwidth demands of AI factories and GPU clusters • Rethinking cable design for next-gen applications like holographic communication and real-time AI compute Panellists: **Chan Tuck Han**, Chief Operating Officer, **Super Sistem Group**
15:00	**Carrier-Neutral Cables & Landing Stations: Who Builds, Who Benefits?** • How hyperscalers and infra funds are driving neutral facility adoption • Market implications for incumbents and Tier 2 carriers • Real-world examples from APAC
15:30	Afternoon Break & Refreshments
	Futureproofing the Subsea-AI Ecosystem
16:00	**Panel Discussion** **Subsea-as-Infrastructure: Redefining Value in the AI Age** • Subsea as the foundation layer of AI and cloud scale-out • Financial models shifting from bandwidth resale to ecosystem enablement • Who owns what? Infra funds, hyperscalers, carriers, and the new stack Panellists: **Takeshi Kawasaki**, Director, **NTT Ltd. Japan** (Reserved) **Dotin Moussa C**., Head of Network Administration, **ACE - Africa Coast to Europe Submarine Cable** (Reserved)
16:40	**What's Next: Integrating Subsea, Satellite & Edge for AI Compute Anywhere** • Future convergence of LEO, subsea, and terrestrial for AI • Cable system planning with multi-orbit, multi-cloud resilience in mind • Breaking through bottlenecks of traditional telco ownership models **Philippe A. Perrier**, Submarine Cable Systems Engineer, **Meta (**Reserved)
17:00	**Chairperson's Closing Remarks and End of Conference**