

The PITA President has much pleasure in having the following line up of Honourable Ministers, eminent speakers and resource individuals joining him in addressing and speaking at the PITA AGM conference, as follows:



Hon Afamasaga Lepuia'i Rico
Minister of Communications
Samoa

Hon. Afamasaga Lepuia'i Rico Tupai was appointed Samoa's Minister of Communications and Information Technology after his election as a Member of Parliament in March 2016. Prior to the parliamentary elections, he was Managing Director of Skylite, a Samoa and Pacific based media agency. The company serves as a media agency for the international media companies like One News, Australia Channel 9, BBC to name a few, to capture on video and report on news worthy issues for international information dissemination. Hon Afamasaga worked for the Samoa Public Service for about 15 years mainly with the Department of Broadcasting and other government media production studios. He was also Board Director for MaiTV in Fiji. Hon. Afamasaga was also Regional Commercial Brand Manager for Digicel Pacific in all its Roll Out in Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Fiji and Vanuatu from 2007 to 2009. He was Commercial and Brand Consultant in 2010 for Bmobile, a mobile phone company in the Solomon Islands. Hon Afamasaga was Chairman of Renewable Energy Solution, a new start up in renewable energy in Samoa with the involvement of some of Samoa's prominent business community.



Hon Samuel H Basil
Minister of
Communications, IT &
Energy, Papua New Guinea

Honourable Samuel H Basil (who prefers to be addressed simply as Sam Basil) is a third term MP in Papua New Guinea National Parliament. His achievements in rural electrifications and rural communications as well as being leader of one of the top three political parties (in numbers) are behind his appointment as Minister for Communications, Information and Technology and Energy and as Trustee Delegate of the nation's leading State-Owned Enterprises: Kumul Petroleum Holdings Limited and Kumul Minerals Holdings Limited. Minister Basil is current driver of the O'Neill-Abel led National Government's initiatives in the Information Communications Technology Sector and the Energy Sector with the following Government departments/agencies under his Ministry: Department of Communications and Information responsible from overall ICT Policy and administrative leadership; National Information Communication Technology Authority (NICTA) responsible for regulation of the spectrum; National Broadcasting Commission responsible for government radio and television; and Energy Wing Division of the previous Department of Petroleum and Energy. [More](#)



Mats Granryd
Director General
GSMA

Mats Granryd is Director General of the GSMA and a Member of its Board. In this role, he leads the GSMA in supporting its global membership through a range of industry programmes, advocacy initiatives and industry-convening events. Mats is a strong proponent of sustainability and led the mobile industry in becoming the first sector to broadly commit to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2016. He is now spearheading initiatives to amplify and accelerate the mobile industry's impact on all 17 of the SDGs, across both developed and developing markets. Prior to joining the GSMA in 2016, Mats was President and CEO of Tele2, one of Europe's fastest-growing telecom operators with more than 16 million customers across nine countries. Previously, he spent 15 years in a variety of roles at Ericsson, most recently as Head of Northern Europe and Central Asia. While at Ericsson, he also led the North West Europe, India, CDMA and North Africa units, as well as the global customer accounts for Vodafone and Bharti. Mats holds a M.Sc. from the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm



Ioane Koroivuki
Regional Director ITU
Asia and the Pacific

With more than 30 years' experience in the telecommunications and ICT industry, Ioane has worked in various facets of communications in the areas of voice, data and internet including satellite and submarine cable transmission networks.

A graduate of Coventry University, United Kingdom with an MSc in Telecommunications, Mr. Koroivuki has had various management appointments and was Network Operations Manager, Manager Network and Technology and Chief Executive Officer for Fiji International Telecommunications Limited to the end of 2013.

In 2014, he assumed the role of Regional Director for the ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand where he continues to work closely with governments, industry and academia in addressing the needs of ITU members in Asia and the Pacific region.



Ms. Areewan Haorangi
Secretary General, APT

Ms. Areewan Haorangi has taken up her post as Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) on 9 February 2015 after being elected by the General Assembly of the APT in 2014. She was re-elected in 2017 to continue her second term from 9 February 2018 for the next three-year term.

Before joining APT, Ms. Haorangi was the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology of Thailand (MICT). Her long tenure with MICT included responsibilities for a variety of portfolios, i.e. Principal Adviser for Foreign Affairs, Executive Director of Policy and Strategy Bureau, Acting Principal Adviser for Communications, and Executive Director of International Affairs Bureau.



Gisa Fuatai Purcell
Actg Secretary General, CTO

Gisa Fuatai Purcell is the Acting Secretary General of the Commonwealth Telecommunication Organisation and the Director, ICT Development.

She is the former Head of ICT development for developing countries, Emergency Telecommunication, Climate Change and Waste manage at the ITU, Geneva.

Gisa was the first woman and first Pacific Island person who took over this position at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva. Before that she was the Secretary of the National ICT Committee of Samoa in which she was driving the liberalization of the Mobile market. Gisa was a finance and IT consultant in Wellington New Zealand. She has a Masters degree on Commerce and Administration, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.



Paul Wilson
Director General, APNIC

Paul Wilson has nearly 30 years' involvement with the Internet, including 20 years as the Director General of APNIC, the Regional Internet address Registry for the Asia Pacific.

In this role, he has led APNIC's development as a provider of critical Internet services and as a key contributor to Internet growth and development throughout the Asia Pacific.

Paul has worked as an expert and leader across the full range of communities and organizations involved in Internet development, including ISPs and network operators, non-profit organizations, governments and governmental agencies; and with many key organizations including RIRs, the IETF, ICANN, ISOC, APEC-TEL, the ITU and others.



Sione Veikoso
PITA President

Sione Veikoso was elected as PITA President at its PITA 20th AGM April 2016 having served as its Vice President since 2012. Mr Veikoso is also the Deputy CEO, and member of the Executive Management team at the Tonga Communications Corporation (TCC), a private but fully Government owned telecommunication entity providing full telecommunication services to the citizens of the Kingdom of Tonga. He is responsible for the engineering and the technical network services for PSTN, Mobile and Internet units. He is also responsible for the Marketing department of TCC Mr. Veikoso had spent most of his working experience since 1988 in Tonga telecommunications services industry initially in the International telecommunications with the Cable and Wireless in Tonga then to the Tonga Communication Corporation which merge international and domestic telecommunication.

In 2002 he attained his B-Eng with First Class Honor at the University of Coventry, UK and in 2010, attained his Masters of Business Administration from the University of the South Pacific.



Dirk Wolter
Telecom Executive

Dirk Wolter is a Telecommunication executive with 25 years of industry experience in developed and developing markets. He recently retired from Cisco Systems as Managing Director Mobile Networks, APAC region. Prior to Cisco, Dirk also worked for Alcatel / Alcatel-Lucent in various technology roles, including CTO for the ASIA region. His broad technology and business expertise made him a strategic advisor for telecom service providers, investors, regulators, suppliers and other industry stakeholders. As a technology investor with venture capital experience, Dirk is also an entrepreneur. His expertise includes Mobile Network technologies as well as business and regulatory aspects (spectrum regulation, infrastructure sharing). Dirk was educated at the University of Freiburg, Switzerland (IIMT / Institute of Management in Telecoms) and Technical University of Dresden, Germany with a Master of Science and Diploma Degree in Electrical Engineering.



George Samisoni
CEO, FINTEL

George Samisoni is the Chief Executive Officer of the Fiji International Telecommunications Pte Ltd (FINTEL), Fiji's international telecommunications gateway operator. Mr. Samisoni has over 20 years' experience in submarine cable and satellite system operations and commercial management. He is currently serving as an Executive Committee member for the Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association (PITA)



Fredy Perman
President/CEO, FSMTC

Fredy Perman is the President / CEO of the FSMTC, the total telecommunications provider in the Federated States of Micronesia. He joined FSMTC in September of 2000 and became the CEO in April 2017. Prior to joining FSMTC, Mr Perman served as the staff economist to the economic policy advisory team to the Federated States of Micronesia Government.

Mr. Perman holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Management from the University of South Pacific; a Postgraduate Diploma in Economics from Monash University Clayton and a Graduate Certificate in Telecommunications and Information Management from the University of Hawaii Manoa.

He has been serving as an Executive Member of the PITA since 2013.



Peter Girvan
Vice President, Asia-Pacific,
Viasat

Peter Girvan is Vice President, Asia-Pacific at Viasat. He is responsible for building Viasat's presence and business regionally across the Commercial and Defence markets, as well as working with partners and prospects in preparation for the launch of the ViaSat-3 satellite platform in the region. Peter has 25 years of experience in the telecommunications industry with senior management and engineering roles at nbn, Nortel Networks, Ericsson and Alcatel-Lucent. During his tenure at nbn, Peter led the integration and validation efforts for all new Network and IT Operational Support System (OSS) capabilities and a member of the CTO and Engineering Senior Leadership teams. At Nortel Networks, Peter was directing the team that successfully rolled out the Telstra CDMA network and served as a member of the Asia-Pacific Operations Senior Management Team managing the Asia-Pacific Technical Support team.

Peter has degrees in Engineering and Business from Monash University (Caulfield) and an MBA from Latrobe University. He has lived and worked in Australia, USA, Thailand, Singapore and Hong Kong.



Max Cuvelier
Head of Ecosystem & M4D
Utilities; GSMA

Max is Head of the GSMA's Mobile for Development Utilities and Ecosystem Accelerator programmes. The former works to unlock commercially sustainable business models that leverage mobile to deliver affordable and improved energy, water and sanitation in emerging markets, while the latter supports mobile operators and innovators in driving scale in unique, commercially and socially sustainable products and services in emerging markets. Max joined the GSMA in 2012 to work with Connected Women team, supporting mobile operators and partners in their efforts to bridge the mobile gender gap.

Prior to joining the GSMA, Max worked at Orange Middle East and Africa, based in Jordan and in France. Max started his career as a Telecom Strategy Consultant with Altai Consulting, where he worked on projects in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Max holds a Masters in Management from HEC School of Management, Paris, and a Masters in International Management from ESADE Business School, Barcelona.



Cristian Gomez

Cristian is responsible for providing policy advice and regulatory best practice on spectrum matters across markets in Asia Pacific and leads the regional engagement with governments on spectrum issues. He has over 17 years of experience in national spectrum regulation, international allocation and assignment strategy.

Prior to joining the GSMA, Cristian worked at the New Zealand spectrum regulator (Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). He served within Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) of the ITU as senior spectrum regulation and policy officer, providing assistance to Member States on spectrum issues primarily in Asia-Pacific and the Americas.

Director, Spectrum Policy & Regulatory Affairs Asia Pacific GSMA

Within the New Zealand spectrum regulator he served as principal policy advisor. He represented NZ at the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC), ITU Radiocommunication Assembly and the forums of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT). Cristian's academic background includes electronics and communications engineering (Chile, New Zealand), post-graduate studies in Public Policy (University of London) and an MBA (Massey University, New Zealand)



**Dean Bubley
Founder,
Disruptive Analysis**

Dean Bubley is the founder of Disruptive Analysis, an independent technology industry analyst and consulting firm. An outspoken analyst & futurist with over 25 years' experience, he specialises in mobile / telecoms fields, with an eye on the broader technological and societal contexts into which they fit. He is one of the leading market observers and forecasters covering network infrastructure & software, telecom business models, voice/video communications and broadband/spectrum policy. His clients include many of the world's leading telecom operators, vendors, regulators and industry associations. He also acts as associate director in charge of Network Futures research for STL Partners, and is an advisor to mesh-networking startup AmmbrTech. He provides clients with advice and analytical opinion on topics such as emerging trend "myth-busting", business model validation, technology innovation and go-to-market strategies, "addressable market sizing", planning and due diligence. His present focus is on 5G network technology, WiFi, spectrum policy, eSIM, blockchain & distributed ledgers, the "future of voice and video", messaging & conversational commerce, mobile broadband, developer platforms, edge-computing and contextual communications. He also advises on the evolution of cross-sector technologies like AI, IoT, automation and technology regulation/policy. Mr Bubley was formerly an equity analyst, covering communications stocks, with the UK arm of investment bank Robert W. Baird. Prior to that, he spent eight years at UK research firm Datamonitor. He holds a BA in Physics from Keble College, Oxford University.



**Tobias Skog
Parcus Group**

Tobias is a Senior Trainer/Consultant and recognized global expert in telecom revenue assurance. Frequent presenter to leading telecom conferences on the topics covering telecom finance.

With has over 20 years' experience from the International Telecommunications industry, Tobias has significant expertise in financial control, sales, business development and interconnect, and has worked for British Telecom, Tele Denmark, Telenor and TeliaSonera International Carrier.

Mr. Skog holds a Master of Science in Engineering and Industrial Marketing from Linkoping Institute of Technology, Sweden.



**Igor Glavanic
Parcus Group**

Igor Glavanic is the Director Consulting and Training at the Parcus Group, and is one of its founding members. Igor has provided training & consulting services to a wide range of international customers.

Igor holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer & Mathematical Sciences and is Certified Product Development and Management Association (PDMA) New Product Development Professional



Donald Chew, ABS

Donald Chew holds the title of Head Asia Pacific, ABS Global Ltd and brings over 25 years of experience in satellite sales and product management. In his role as head of the Asia Pacific market, he is responsible for the management of sales and business initiatives throughout this region.

Prior to joining ABS, Donald has worked at SES and Singtel. He was tasked to manage the emerging market and played a key role in developing the mobile back haul and data markets in Papua New Guinea and Afghanistan.

Donald holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) degree from the National University of Singapore in Electrical Engineering.



Hannes Astok
Estonian e-Governance
Academy

Hannes Astok is the Senior Expert and Deputy Director for Strategy and Development at the Estonian e-Governance Academy (www.ega.ee).

As the Senior Expert on the information society, he promotes the Digital Transformation in the Public Administration. Hannes has also trained and consulted with central and local governments in Central Asia, Caucasus, South-East Europe, Middle East, East Asia, Pacific and Caribbean.

From 2012 to 2013 Hannes served as the Adviser to the President of Estonia on the development of the Information Society; from 2007 to 2011 he was elected as a Member of the Estonian Parliament.



Phillip Henderson
Country Manager
Bluesky Cook Islands

Phillip Henderson is the Country Manager for Bluesky Cook Island Ltd, a subsidiary of the Bluesky Pacific Group.

With over 20 years' experience in Telecommunications in the region and with a high-level business acumen, Phillip started his career in the Cook Islands Cable and Wireless PLC as Branch Engineer, and later on as General Manager Telecoms for Telecom Cook Islands. In 2008 he moved on to work with Alcatel-Lucent NZ for over 7 years with key roles as Project Director and Customer Delivery Leader, directly accountable to end to end project and governance, maintenance and support in managing a team of project directors, managers dedicated to various customer projects.

In 2015, he was recalled to the Cook Islands to head the newly established Bluesky Cook Islands Ltd when the Bluesky Pacific Group acquired majority shares in the Telecom Cook Islands.



Joaquin Restrepo
Head OPS
ITU-BR

Head of the Outreach and Publications Services Division (OPS) of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) at the International Telecommunications Union, ITU (since July 2012), which is responsible for the dissemination strategy of this Bureau.

During 2011-2012, he was Senior Technical Advisor in REGULATEL and Advisor to the Cubesat Libertad II project (Universidad Sergio Arboleda). In 2010 Founder and first. General Director of the National Spectrum Agency, ANE, Colombia, in 2006 Director of the Office of International Affairs, Ministry of ICT of Colombia, in 2002 Director of Planning in the Compartel Program (universal service) of the same Ministry.

M.SC and Ph.D. Telecommunications, Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Telecommunications, Toulouse, France; Electronic Engineer and M.Sc. Technology Management, Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, Medellín, Colombia.,

Extensive experience in meetings and conferences of the ITU, multilateral ICT, CITELE, CAATEL, COPUOS, etc. Regional Satellite Project Manager: Andean Satellite, Colombian Satellite (SATCOL). More than 25 years of experience in the academic sector, dedicated to R & D projects in radiocommunications. Author of numerous scientific articles in specialized magazines such as: AEE, IAF, etc. Holder of several patents in the field of satellite communications No-GEO.



Derrick Van Grol,
IDI Billing Solutions

Derrick Van Grol is the Vice President of Global Sales, IDI Billing Solutions and has more than 30 years of experience marketing mission-critical software to companies throughout North America and the Pacific Rim. Van Grol began his career at Eastman Kodak Company where he managed a team of product marketing specialists selling high-end digital imaging and access control security systems to the Fortune 1000 marketplace, law enforcement agencies, and the Federal Triangle. One of the original founders at IDI Billing Solutions, Van Grol has been a key contributor to IDI's industry standing as a leader in the B/OSS marketplace servicing not only mid-level to start-up carriers, but also titans such AT&T, Comcast, Inteliquent and Mitel.



Imal Kalutotage
Founder/CEO, nCinga

As an entrepreneur with an avid interest towards new technology innovations, Imal founded nCinga to drive the digital transformation by unlocking the power of data with a mission of empowering data driven decisions with its technology innovations in Digital Transformation SDN/NFV, IoT and AI/ML space. Imal commands more than 20 years of experience in Communication Industry in Networking, IoT and Analytics in Asia Pacific and the Middle East Regions while working for global Industry Giants like, IBM, Cisco and HP. Imal brings a unique perspective in Industry forums in the region. As a recipient of several individual awards for exceptional achievement also possesses excellent techno-commercial, business and leadership skills has facilitated success within varied cultures and geographies in the industry. Qualified professional with a MBA and a BSc Eng in Telecommunications, Imal enjoys his time travelling around the world to help customers solve their business issues using technology.



David Cooke,
Parallel Wireless

Mr Cooke is Regional Vice President Pacific for Parallel Wireless and is a converged network technology specialist. He is an alumnus of both telecom operator and vendor organisations, with projects across RAN, mobile core, broadcast TV, fixed access and virtualized solutions. He holds both engineering and business qualifications, and is a previous Australian National Exporter of the Year with extensive domestic and international experience.



Robert Arcon;
SINCH

Robert Arcon is the VP of Global Operator Sales at Sinch bringing a broad industry experience with more than 20 years in the industry combined with extensive international experience. He has held various senior management positions at Ericsson and Aastra (today Mitel). Robert holds an MSc from the Faculty of Engineering at Lund University, Sweden.



Andrew Tierney
CEO, TNZI

Andrew Tierney is Head of TNZI which is a part of the MNF Group (Australia). Andrew has been in the International Wholesale voice business for 20 Years and in Telecommunications for his entire career. Apart from 3 years in Brussels and 1 in Tokyo he has been based in Wellington, New Zealand for this entire time.

Having transitioned from Spark New Zealand to the MNF Group in 2015 Andrew is keen to see MNF continue to perform and grow through TNZI as its vehicle for reaching new international markets.



Jo Quinn
Head of Business Dev. TNZI

Jo joined TNZI in 2008 and has worked in various capacities across the business in both Product and Market development. This included 3 years as the Pacific Regional account manager which has given her a detailed insight to the unique opportunities and challenges faced by this region.

Prior to TNZI, Jo worked for Citigroup Investment Banking for nine years in London and New York. She left as a Vice President of Business Development and was part of the Citigroup global Innovation task team working on the development of eCommerce platform propositions. Jo is passionate about finding innovative and sustainable ways to best address the evolving business challenges faced by Pacific Island Operators.



Jamie Gillespie
Internet Security Specialist
APNIC

Jamie Gillespie is an Internet Security Specialist at APNIC, providing security training, outreach, and development of Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) in the Asia Pacific region.”. With over 22 years of IT experience, 18 of those dedicated to Information Security, Jamie started his IT career at the backbone Internet provider UUNET Canada before holding a range of information security roles at AusCERT, Google, and Macquarie Cloud Services. Jamie is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and Information Systems Security Architecture Professional (ISSAP). Jamie is an international presenter on an extensive range of topics including incident response, technical, physical, and management security, and has been interviewed for television, radio, internet, and print media.



Elly Tawhai
Senior Internet Resource
Analyst; APNIC

Elly Tawhai is a Senior Internet Resource Analyst for APNIC. She also acts as the Liaison Officer of APNIC to members and stakeholders in the Pacific region and an associate trainer supporting the APNIC training team.

As a Senior Internet Resource Analyst her role extends to evaluating and analysing network plans from members and the community and making appropriate decisions for the distribution of Internet resources. In her Liaison role, Elly uses knowledge of the Pacific region, networking with new and existing members, and actively participating in events within the community. She also works closely with the training team to conduct training within the region.



Dale Stacey
Technical Director
SATPTY

Dale has spent more than 25 years in the telecommunications industry. He has an extensive range of knowledge and experience in the worldwide radio communications sector. Dale has managed and delivered many major projects through all phases of their life cycle, from concept and strategy, through development of the business case, design, optimisation, installation, integration, test and commission, acceptance and maintenance. Dale has gained experience of such projects from a number of perspectives, including that of the supplier, vendor, buyer, user, integrator and consultant. Dale’s previous experience includes numerous design and implementation assignments for major public utilities and Transport worldwide, telecommunications carrier projects (GSM, 3G and microwave projects for Telstra, Optus, Vodafone, BT.). More recently, he has been involved in extensive coverage analysis, optimisation and drive testing of private networks, He is currently working on the 5G revolution and other private network innovations in Emergency Services, Smart City and IoT.



Eddie Stephanou
Cambium Networks

Eddie Stephanou is Cambium Networks’ Regional Technical Manager for Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands. He is responsible for technical development, support and growth of fixed wireless solutions portfolio within Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands. As a subject matter expert with over 10 years Australian industry experience in fixed digital microwave systems, Eddie has worked with, and alongside, leaders in the microwave space both locally and abroad.

He holds a Bachelor’s Degree and is currently completing a Master of Engineering Degree in Telecommunications

Eddie will conduct a workshop on radiocommunication network design



Mike Chalk. CDG

Mike Chalk is the Vice President of Product Development at CDG. Mike joined CDG 18 years ago. He has more than 20 years of experience working in the telecom industry and 30 years of experience in software design, development, and management



Aamir Riaz
Program Officer
ITU Asia Pacific

Mr. Aamir Riaz is a Programme officer in International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and is currently a part of the team of its Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. He has been working on development of ICTs across the region, implemented several initiatives and projects in collaboration with international/regional organizations like ASEAN, APT, PIRRC etc.; Administrations including, MSIP-Korea, DoC-Australia, SRMC-China etc. and industry including Intelsat, Nokia, Forum Global, Ericsson etc. Mr. Aamir is currently involved in ITU development activities and telecommunication policy, ICT market regulations and wireless innovation strategies with emphasis on issues related to Radio Frequency Spectrum. Prior to joining ITU in 2013, he had been working in ictQatar as National Spectrum Manager for management and planning initiatives. From 2007 until 2010 he worked as Assistant Director , Strategy and Development , Pakistan Telecomm Authority. Mr. Aamir is an Electrical Engineer from National University of Science and Technology (NUST) Pakistan and possesses advanced degree in Radio-communication from École Supérieure d'Électricité (SUPÉLEC) France.



Ryan M Pardee
United States Federal
Bureau of Investigation FBI

Assistant Legal Attaché Ryan Pardee joined the FBI shortly after 9/11 as a Special Agent. His initial assignment after the FBI Academy was to Washington, DC to work violent crime and narcotics, where he also served on the FBI Dive Team. He next transferred to San Juan Puerto Rico, where he was assigned to a Counterterrorism squad as well as the SWAT team. Ryan was promoted to serve as a Supervisory Special Agent back in DC for the Counterterrorism Division. In 2012, SSA Pardee was transferred to the newly reorganized Cyber Division to manage Cyber National Security investigations and later to manage international cyber operations. In 2014, Ryan was promoted to Field Supervisor in the San Francisco Division, where he supervised the Cyber Fusion Cell. In 2017, SSA Pardee was promoted to Assistant Legal Attaché to the US Embassy in Canberra, Australia, to support the FBI's Cyber mission.



Siow Meng
ITU Consultant – Spectrum

Siow Meng has over 20 years of experience in the telecommunications, media and technology sector, and is currently a consultant for the International Telecommunication Union, based in Sydney Australia. He has delivered several spectrum management related consultancy projects in countries such as Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei, Malaysia, Mongolia, Jordan, Pakistan, Singapore and Thailand. Siow Meng is also a market analyst covering telecommunications trends in Asia. He analyses the fixed and mobile telecommunications market as well as broader trends around the ICT sector such as cloud computing, 5G, Internet of things and digital transformation. Siow Meng started his career as a spectrum manager with Information Development Authority of Singapore (IDA), the regulator in Singapore. Previously, he was also heading the digital broadcasting deployment unit at the Media Development Authority of Singapore (MDA) involved in implementing strategy to digital broadcasting. Siow Meng has has a Master of Communications Management from Coventry University (United Kingdom) and a BEng in Electrical & Electronic Engineering from Nanyang Technological University (Singapore).



Martin Koyabe
Head Research &
Consultancy, CTO

Martin Koyabe is the head of research and consultancy at the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization (CTO). Martin has over 15 years experience in ICT innovation, research and development. He holds a PhD in Communications Engineering and has been involved in various ICT projects mainly in Europe and Africa. He has held several positions in the telecommunication industry and academia. Before joining CTO, he was a senior researcher/technical lead with British Telecommunications (BT) for over 10 years, where he worked on various major projects including:- BT 21st Century Next Generation Network, developing ICT security solutions, policy and strategies for BT's lines of business, Future Internet Architecture, and Development of Global Best Practice in Mitigation Denial-of-Service (DoS) on the Internet. He also consults as a technical expert and reviewer for the European Commission (EC) on various EU funded projects. Martin will provide additional expertise in management and deployment of information systems; and also in ICT regulation, policy and development strategy in the telecom sector.



Aaron Prior, Aviat Networks

Aaron Prior is the Regional Manager for New Zealand and the Pacific Islands at Aviat Networks, a leading specialist in digital microwave radio products and complete networks. With over 15 years of industry experience focused on technical aspects of radio networking and transmission design, Aaron has comprehensive understanding of the challenges and solutions radio can provide. Aaron is based in Lower Hutt, Wellington, NZ, at the global R&D headquarters for Aviat Networks, sitting alongside 80 kiwi design engineers.



**Andreas Hipp
Founder/Group CEO
Cataleya / Epsilon Global
Communications**

Andreas was the Founder and Group CEO of Epsilon Global Communications, which includes Epsilon service provider and Cataleya technology businesses. During his 18 years in the global telecoms community he has contributed to the evolution of the international markets and technologies, creating innovative businesses, and disruptive business models. He loves technology but people even more and what technology can or must do for them. He is now continuing to support the industry's evolution through his start-up enabler Incipio, acting as Chairman and CEO of Telecom Technology vendor Cataleya and his position on the board of Cirrus Core Networks, which offers an all NFV- based LTE Core Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) proposition for Mobile Network Operators. Andreas' primary expertise is in deploying disruptive business propositions and technologies, start-ups and on inspiring innovation in network virtualization, cloud and data & analytics. He also has a strong background and passion for people, culture and organization behavioral evolutions, which are now crucial to all operators' survival and success.



**Daniel Keidar
ALLOT**

20+ years' experience in the telecommunications industry in the domains of IP networking, Network Security and Security as a Service (SECaaS). One of the most veteran employees of Allot, Daniel acted in management roles as Head of Global Support and in the past 10 years as VP strategic solution architect manager in Allot. Daniel has been involved and lead the most strategic projects of Allot globally in the Network Intelligence, Network Optimization and Security domains.

As of 2019 Daniel has been appointed to head the Allot Sales in Oceania, based in Melbourne, Australia.



Ahad Aboss, Swifttel

Ahad oversees the global technology direction for Swiftel. This includes network planning and the company's cloud road map. He is also heavily involved in Swiftel's push into open source software and other open standards, and engagement and collaboration with the broader developer community.

Since joining Swiftel in 2016, Ahad has supported and led several key upgrade projects for global ISPs responsible for systems and network architecture, planning and engineering. He has vast experience in designing, operating and optimization of multi-terabit networks.



**Ratinesh Kumar,
Pacific Account Manager
ALLOT**

With over 14 years ICT industry experience, Ratinesh brings vast technical and customer knowledge. He has been a customer as well as a vendor. Spending 2 years as IT Lead for a multi-Pacific Enterprise and then joining the Fijian Government's ITC department as Network Team Leader for 4 years. The last 7 years, he has fulfilled the roles of PS Engineer, Solutions Architect and recently appointed Pacific Account Manager for Allot. Ratinesh has contributed to many leading-edge projects in APAC such as first T3 data center in the Pacific, revenue generation, cost savings, DDoS, Security, Analytics, enhancing subscriber QoE. PCC and many others for operations such as JIO in India, T1 operators in Australia and NZ, ISPs in the Pacific. Ratinesh was also a former Reliability Engineer for the National Airline.



Jan Schaar
Director Business Dev
MAVENIR

Jan is as a Director of Business Development responsible for new product sales and account management for the larger group accounts across the Asia Pacific region

Jan has over 19 years of experience in the telecommunications industry. Jan has worked on both Vendor and Operator side having worked for technology companies Malaysia and Australia, and Singtel-Optus before joining Mavenir in early 2015.. After more than a decade in the Asia Pacific market Jan has built extensive experience in the specific need for the Telecom industry in the Asia Pacific region. Jan holds a Bachelor degree in Physics from Rotterdam University

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Ranganathan Narayanan
AVP SAARC & GCC
Allot Communications

Ranganathan, is an engineer by qualification and a professional with nearly 30 years of professional sales and marketing experience, in the fields of IT, Computers, Networking, Telecommunications & Satellite technology. He was the head of the Indian subsidiary of Gilat in Delhi and served for nearly 13 years as Regional - VP of India and parts of the Asia region. Ranga had a brief stint of two years with O3b, a Holland based MEO orbit satellite company, prior to joining LiveU.

He Now serves- since January-2018, as the AVP- of SAARC & GCC region at Allot Communications. Globally widely travelled, Ranga has over 30 years of experience in sales of IT, Communication, satellite, Broadcasting & security products.

He is now closely associated with regulatory and security aspects of various networks in the SAARC region



John Hawker
Senior VP Sales Pacific,
Kacific Broadband Satellites

John has held senior roles in both the telecommunications and satellite industries throughout the Pacific and South East Asia. He has a wealth of experience in developing broadcast, data and telecommunication networks, including with VSAT service providers in the Pacific, Southeast Asia and Africa.

John joins Kacific after serving as VP Sales Australia, PNG and Pacific islands for ABS Global. He previously held the position of Director, Asia Pacific for International Datacasting. For Kacific, John is fostering service provider relationships to grow broadband services in Melanesia and the Pacific, including Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, Micronesia, Tuvalu, French Polynesia and Kiribati.



Dr Siok Tan
Director Regulatory Affairs,
OneWeb

Siok Tan is OneWeb's Director of Regulatory Affairs, responsible for market access and international policy development in the Asia Pacific region.

She holds a Doctor's degree in Electronics and Computer Engineering and has more than 15 years' experience in the telecommunication sector with appointments in the Telecoms consultancy industry as well as the research industry.



Adiel Akplogan
VP Tech Engagement
ICANN

Adiel A. Akplogan is Vice President for Technical engagement at ICANN. With more than 25 years experience in the ICT industry (20 specifically in the Internet Technology Industry), Adiel has previously worked as CEO for AFRINIC (The African Network Information Centre), IT Director for Symbol Technology in France (2001-2003) and Director of New Technology at CAFÉ Informatique in Togo (1994-2000)

Adiel has served as volunteer in Boards or Advisory Committees of many global & international organizations such as the UN Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (IGF-MAG from 2006-2009), the Technical Advisory Committee of the United Nation Economic Commission for Africa (ATAC/UNECA, the Executive Council of the Number Resource Organization (NRO – 2005-2015 as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer), the ICANN's Strategic Panel on its role in the Internet Governance ecosystem, the Africa Union's AXIS program Steering Committee (2012-2015), the Africa Network Operators Group and the Africa Internet Summit's Administration and Program committee (AFNOG/AIS – 2000-2015) and the OIF (Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie) Expert Group on Internet Governance. He has actively contributed to the setup of several technical coordination bodies in Africa such as the African Network Operators Group (AfNOG), the African ccTLD Managers Association (AfTLD), AfricaCERT and Africa Internet Summit (AIS).

Adiel Akplogan is an Electrical Engineer and holds a Master in E-Business and New Technology Management from Paris Graduate School of Management. He is based in Montreal, Canada



Savenaca Vocea
Regional VP Stakeholder
Engagement, ICANN

Save Vocea is the Regional Vice President of ICANN leading stakeholder engagement in the Oceania region. Save works with key stakeholders to bring ICANN to the Oceania region, and facilitate stakeholders to participate in multistakeholder internet governance. Save is very familiar with region having served as past PITA Manager and was Policy Development Manager at APNIC.



Dr Bob Horton
Advisory and Expert
Institutional & Int'l

Robert (Bob) Horton is an engineer with 25 years working for and assisting telecommunications regulators with institutional planning and organization, internal guidelines, staff development, development of regulations and implementation of relevant laws. After five years overseeing technical regulation for the Australian Telecommunications Authority (AUSTEL), Dr. Horton was elevated to become a board member, during and after the merger of AUSTEL with the Spectrum Management Agency into the Australian Communications Authority (ACA). Undertook two years as chairman and six years as deputy chairman of the ACA. As ACA chairman, Dr. Horton recommended to government the merger of the communications and broadcasting regulators to become Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). More recently, he has advised regulators in countries including Bhutan, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, and Vietnam on implementation of legal instruments, internal processes and guidelines, and the structure of the regulatory agency. Dr. Horton has also led standards and radiocommunications-related Australian delegations at the ITU and the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. He was Chairman of ASTAP (standards studies) in the APT for 10 years, and initial Chairman of the Telecommunications Standards Advisory Group (TSAG) in the ITU for 4 years. Since 2008, he has also been a key consultant to Intelsat and Inmarsat in Australia for licensing and regulatory matters, both domestically and for ITU- and APT WRC developments. He has also spent some time as a founding Board Member of the regulatory body NICTA in PNG and has an abiding interest in Pacific development.



**Bart Hogeveen, Head of
Cyber Capacity Building,
ACPI**

At ASPI's International Cyber Policy Centre Bart Hogeveen is the head of cyber capacity building at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute ACPI. His work includes developing and managing cyber security training and exercises, awareness-raising and strategy development in Australia and countries in the Indo-Pacific region, regional confidence-building in the APAC region, and crisis management exercises for governments and industry. In his research, he focuses on the foreign policy and regional aspects of cyber security, including approaches to regional development issues. In cooperation with E-governance Academy Estonia, Bart is currently co-managing a project that looks at supporting countries in the Pacific with the further development of e-government capabilities. Additionally he's working with the internet governance community, ISPs and regulators to enhance the region-wide adoption of internet security standards in the .au and regional domains.



**Jovan Barac
Anthenasys**

Jovan Barac is the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Peritus Knowledge Services Corporation. He has more than 25 years of experience in C-level and executive roles in Telecom and Analytics. A truly global executive who has worked for several blue-chip Telecom and Media companies in the world including Smart/ PLDT/ Sun in the Philippines, Foxtel and Telstra in Australia, US WEST in the United States and Orange (group level) and Cellnet in the UK. In his most recent role as the Chief Analytics Officer at PLDT/ Smart, he created the analytical teams and delivered key business capabilities including single customer views, the needs segmentation, the initial Big Data program and an integrated loyalty program. He also established the customer experience team/ program at PLDT. In his other Telco roles, he has established analytical teams, driven the business requirements for analytical platforms, created single-customer views, delivered needs segmentations and relevant analytical models, enabled data-driven campaigns and real-time event-triggered campaigns as well as the implementation of longitudinal customer contact strategies. He has delivered over \$1Bn in incremental benefits to the various Telcos. His key roles include Analytics strategy and execution Monetization of analytics through internal and external applications, Customer experience management, Big Data program implementation and Design of analytics-driven marketing programs

Jovan accreditations include Bsc Economics, Msc Computer Science, PhD Computer Science University College London, MBA London Business School



**Yann Pitaut
Anthenasys**

Yann's key core competencies is on Mobile network performance management. With 20 years of professional experience as head of a mobile network performance management platform at the operator Bouygues Telecom, pre-sales performance engineer in Europe (Germany, Italy) at Lucent Technologie (today hui ALU), integrator of international network supervision solution for Acanthis and HP (Switzerland, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Sweden, United States), responsible for setting up the team and operational support solutions at the new operator Orange Tunisie (8 months on site), responsible for Telecom projects including setting up a call center in Morocco (implementation of IT solutions as well as the image wall and the Cisco Call Manager ACD), the realization of a project plan for the migration of the analogue network architecture (POTS) to the IMS (fixed-mobile convergence solution) as well as the implementation of an extranet near Customer service QoS within Monaco Telecom, responsible for an IPVPN capacity management project for airport IT solutions at SITA, responsible for architecture integration as well as integrated system and security monitoring solutions in shelters and intended for the fields of operation for the DGA and NATO. Finally, for the last 3 years, he has been responsible for and architect of all IT / Telco supervision solutions for Ooredoo Oman Operator but also responsible for several projects within SFR's network operations department (half-time since a little more than one year). year).



Robert Suber
Managing Sales Director
Intelsat - Oceania

With 30 years' experience working in leading telecommunications corporations, Robert has been at the forefront of commercial relationships with Satcom businesses based in Europe, USA and South East Asia. Today, Robert is the Managing Sales Director at Intelsat, responsible for customers represented by Carriers, Service Providers and Integrators across the Oceania region. Prior to joining Intelsat, Robert held technical, sales and marketing management positions for Telstra, Optus, Bell Canada and Hills Industries. During this time, Robert has led teams of specialist satellite staff highly experienced in design, engineering, product and project management. Robert went on to lead Intelsat's Oceania team creating solutions which enable connectivity for the region's most remote customers. Today, working with Intelsat, Robert is helping to re-define the role of satellite as a technology to complement core telecom demands rather than just providing solutions at the margin.

Robert has his Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Southern Cross University and is a Telecommunications Graduate of Telstra's Training Academy. Robert's strength in B2B markets and strategic marketing facilitates identification and development of commercial opportunities for those businesses operating within the satellite value chain.

Hamish is a telecommunications executive with experience working with a breadth of operators from incumbent international telco's, managed service providers, submarine cable developers and entrepreneurs across a number of global markets including Oceania, Asia and Europe. His 15+ years' experience in the Pacific Islands in both the sub-sea cable and satellite industry gives him a unique and impartial perspective, with a focus on achieving the right outcomes for his customers



Hamish Lee
Speedcast



Colin Yates
Telecom Fraud Specialists

Colin started his working life in Law Enforcement in New Zealand, then after 18 years moved to a Risk and Fraud Management role in Telecom New Zealand.

After 12 years there, he moved to Vodafone New Zealand and for the next 12 years had roles with Vodafone in New Zealand, Australia, Germany and the UK, leaving Vodafone in 2012 as Group Head of Fraud Management and Investigations, having had responsibilities for managing fraud and investigations right across the Vodafone footprint. Colin has held Management positions in the GSMA Fraud Forum, CFCA, FIINA and Pacific Partners. He is currently managing his own firm, Yates Fraud Consulting Limited which consults back to industry operators to review their Fraud and Revenue risk maturity. He also manages an IPR Test Number database currently in use by some of the world's largest operator groups. Colin is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and is also a Fraud Adviser to PITA (Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association).



Krisztian Som
Head -Critical infrastructure
NEC Australia

Krisztian Som is the Head of Critical Infrastructure at NEC Australia.

Krisztian specialises in radio and optical transmission technologies and is responsible for NEC's microwave backhaul and small-cell LTE portfolio for carrier, enterprise and government markets in Australia. Krisztian is a qualified telecommunications engineer and highly experienced sales professional with more than 15 years' experience in all aspects of the industry



Sue Bryant, Huawei

Sue has over 35 years work experience in various roles across the Telecommunications and IT Industries. During this time she has worked with numerous Telecom Operators around the world, supporting them in the development of their New Services and ICT Plans and Programs.

In her currently role in Huawei, she is focused on National ICT Planning including Cloud Computing across South East Asia, ANZ and the Pacific Islands. She previously held positions at IBM, Accenture and EDS with a focus on Service Planning and Platforms for the Telecom Industry.



Barry Lerner, Huawei

Barry Lerner has over 35 years of ICT Industry experience at AT&T, Sprint, IBM, HP, Accenture, and BearingPoint. Has held several positions in Huawei over the past 9 Years, working with Service Providers and Governments to define Digital Transformation Strategies and Plans. As the Huawei Advocate for Smart and Safe Cities, he has also led Cloud Computing Introduction into the region.

Mr Lerner skills are in Carrier and Enterprise Network, Cloud Computing, Big Data and IoT



Joshua Mony, RADWIN

Joshua Mony has over 20 years' experience in the broadband wireless industry having worked for companies like Alvarion, Ruckus and Motorola including many startup Wireless Companies based out of the US and UK. In many of these companies, Joshua has also been involved significantly in influencing design, product and technology directions to best meet needs of customers across the region. Joshua is currently the General Manager for Radwin Asia Pacific and is responsible for the South East Asia and Oceania region. Joshua brings with him a wealth of technology, customer and business understanding in the areas of Fixed Broadband Wireless. Joshua currently resides in Singapore.



**Tare Brisibe
SES Networks**

Tare Brisibe, is Senior Legal & Regulatory Counsel, APAC, with SES. Tare has nearly two decades of experience in the satellite industry, having previously served as Regulatory Information Officer for Inmarsat (UK) and Director of Regulatory Affairs for SITAOnAir (Geneva). He also served as: Chair of the Legal Subcommittee, UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space; Deputy Director (Legal), National Space Research and Development Agency of Nigeria; and Vice Rapporteur, ITU Study Group 1. He holds multiple degrees, including a Ph.D in International law from Leiden University.
