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## *Pacific* Fiber Conference & Training

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## Conference Summary

The Pacific Fiber Conference 2025 (PFC25), hosted in Fiji, marked a turning point for the region's digital journey. Held under the theme "Fiber as a Foundation for Digital Transformation," the conference brought together over 200 industry leaders, policymakers, and technology partners from across the Pacific and beyond. PFC25 set the stage for collaborative regional growth and reinforced Fiji's role as a key hub in the Pacific digital ecosystem.

More than just a gathering—it was a call to action.





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### Digital Infrastructure & Connectivity

- Fiji is positioning itself as a regional digital hub (Deputy PM, TFL, Google, Starlink partnerships).
- NZ shared its near-universal fiber rollout (99.8%) and highlighted the role of GIS and data-driven planning.
- Submarine cables remain economic lifelines for Pacific Islands, but face cost and resilience challenges (Palau, Tonga, Samoa).
- Next-gen PON technology, Optical LAN, FTTR (Fiber-to-the-Room), and AI-powered network tools were showcased as future-ready solutions.

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### Investment & Financing Models

- OPEX-based models, blended finance, PPPs, and USAFs were emphasized to tackle high last-mile costs and affordability gaps.
- World Bank highlighted co-financing models and regulatory reforms as key to attracting private investment.
- Fiji's National Broadband Framework was introduced, targeting last-mile and submarine cable challenges.

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### Digital Infrastructure & Connectivity

- Layered security, staff training, and awareness were emphasized (PLDT, Fiji Ministry of Home Affairs).
- Fiji is developing a national cybersecurity framework with JICA support.
- AI & fiber sensing can support real-time threat detection and disaster resilience.

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### Cybersecurity & Resilience

- Fiji's National Digital Strategy (NDS) aims for 5G by 2026, with 80% of services already online.
- Case studies from Access Partnership and World Bank stressed multi-access strategies (fiber + satellite + mobile) to bridge divides.
- Women in Tech and underserved communities highlighted as priority areas for inclusion.

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### Sustainability & Green Networks

- PCCW's Green Network & Moonshot Project stressed ESG-driven telecom growth.
- Calls for policies/regulations to enable eco-innovation and green finance monetization.
- Telstra InfraCo demonstrated AI-driven climate and environmental monitoring for infrastructure.



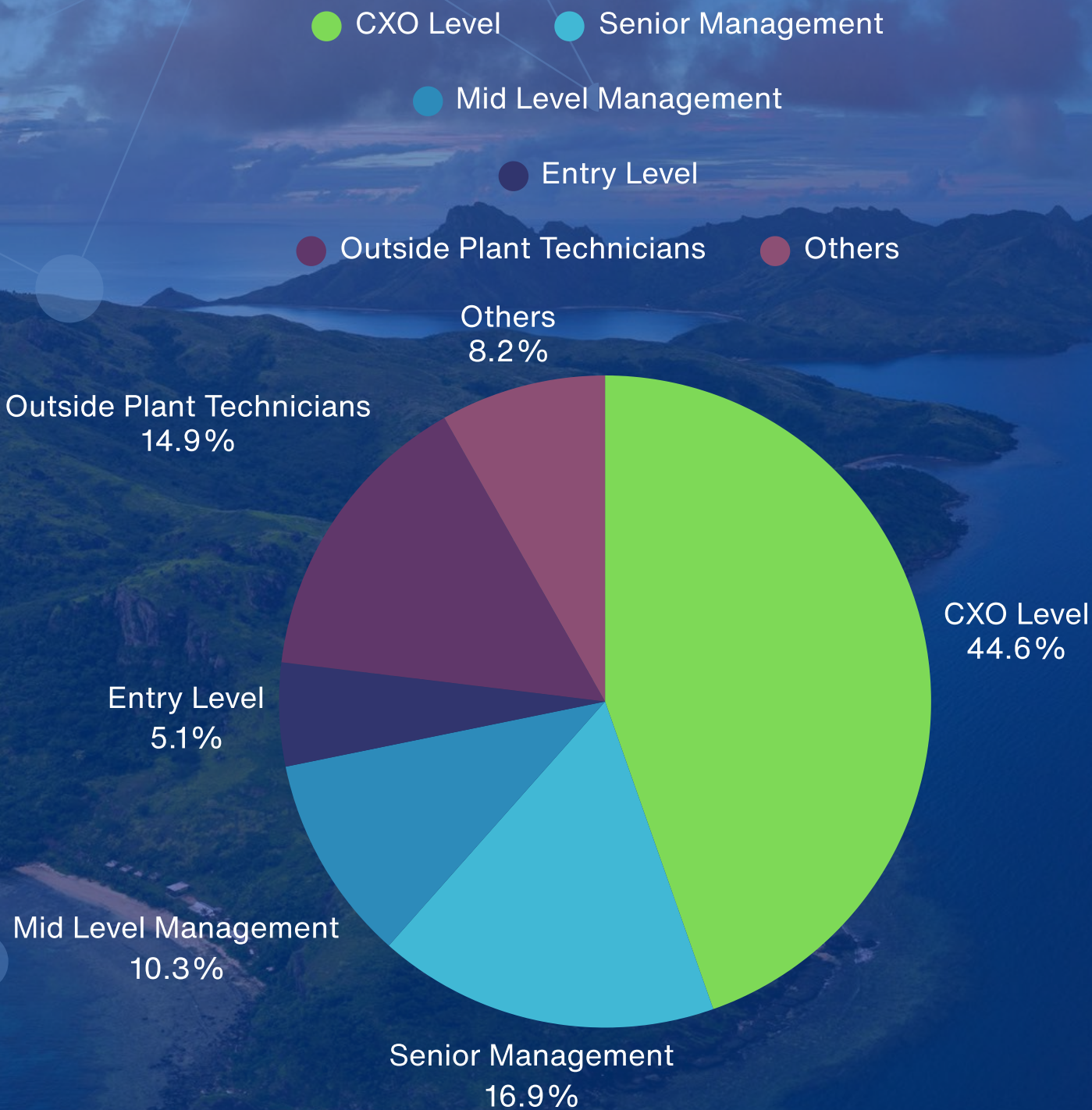
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## Attendee Profile



### Countries Attended

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Fiji                  | 14. Malaysia          |
| 2. Australia             | 15. Papua New Guinea  |
| 3. New Zealand           | 16. Republic of Korea |
| 4. Tuvalu                | 17. Nauru             |
| 5. Hong Kong (SAR China) | 18. Japan             |
| 6. Tonga                 | 19. Philippines       |
| 7. Vanuatu               | 20. Bangladesh        |
| 8. China                 | 21. Cook Islands      |
| 9. Solomon Islands       | 22. Indonesia         |
| 10. Singapore            | 23. USA               |
| 11. American Samoa       | 24. India             |
| 12. Palau                |                       |
| 13. Samoa                |                       |





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## Speakers & Key Sessions



Michelle Impey  
NINFRA Delivery  
Principal, Telstra InfraCo

"Building a resilient digital future: Harnessing technology for economic and social growth"



John Greenhough  
CTO, NIFF

"Data as a Compass: Targeting Broadband Investments with Precision"



Hebe ST YU  
Lead Analyst,  
Sustainability IT  
Monetization, PCCW

"Leveraging Sustainable Finance: How Pacific Telcos can Monetize Emerging Innovation & Green"



Shirshendu Bhattacharya,  
Director - Product &  
Service  
Innovation, Global  
Submarine  
Cable System, Google

"Designing Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Fiber Infrastructure for Island Nations"



Alexis Bernadino  
CISO & Ex  
BoD, FNCAP & Philippines  
Telco

"Cyber Security in High-Speed Fiber Infrastructure"



Wes Oxlee, Head of Sales -  
Oceania, Hexatronic

"Passive Optical LAN: The Sustainable Solution for Today's Networks"



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Lloyd LP Chan, VP of  
Engineering, Sustainability  
and  
Eco-innovation, PCCW

“Perseverance Sustainability:  
How Pacific Telcos  
can Leverage ESG and  
Sustainable Finance  
“

Hamza Hameed, Senior  
Manager, Space &  
Development,  
Access Partnership

“Bridging the Digital Divide in  
the Pacific: A  
Resilient Multi-Access  
Strategy Using Fiber,  
Microwave, Cellular, Satellite,  
and Wi-Fi”

Johnny Oo, Country  
Manager,  
EXFO Australia

“Data Center Testing:  
Pushing Performance  
Everywhere”

Toni Kristian Elias, Private  
Sector Specialist, World Bank

“Partnering for Progress:  
Unlocking Public-  
Private Synergies for  
Broadband Expansion in  
the Pacific”

Prit Chand, CEO  
TAF

“National Broadband  
Framework for Fiji”

Paul McCann, McCann  
Consulting

“Connectivity Economics:  
Sustainable Cost  
Models for Submarine and  
Last-Mile Integration”



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Adish Naidu, Director, ATH  
Group

Ivan Fong, CEO,  
ATH Group

“The Pacific Vision”

Michael Yue, VP, HKT

“Transforming Network  
Operations: How Pacific  
Telcos Can Leverage AI &  
Automation in the  
FBB + 5G Era, HKT/PCCW”

Fanny Rogues, Business  
Development Manager,  
Nokia

“Next Generation  
Broadband and  
Innovation”

Gavin Ang, Chief  
Transmission  
Expert, Huawei

“Fiber to the Room”

Shivnesh Prasad, Digital  
Development Specialist,  
World Bank

“Building the Business  
Case: Regulatory and  
Financing Frameworks for  
Sustainable  
Broadband in the Pacific”



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