

19<sup>th</sup> FiberConnect APAC Conference 2024

# FIBER FORWARD

THE FUTURE IS NOW

## 2024

November 5th, Manila, Philippines

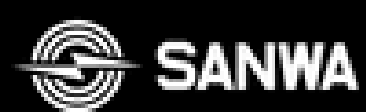
### Post Event Report



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## POST EVENT SUMMARY

The 19th FiberConnect APAC Conference 2024 brought together global leaders, industry experts, and senior executives to discuss the transformative power of fiber technology and its role in the future of connectivity. Under the theme "Fiber Forward: The Future is NOW", the event showcased the latest advancements in fiber networks and their impact on economic growth, digital transformation, and sustainable development across the APAC region and beyond.



"The conference was a beacon of collaboration and innovation, uniting industry pioneers to shape the future of fiber technology in APAC."  
Alex Aquino, Advisor for Strategic Partnership, InfiniVAN



## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Opening Keynote:** The conference opened with a keynote by Sir Dennis Anthony Uy, CEO of Converge ICT Solutions, addressing The Future of Connectivity in the Philippines.
- **Panels and Discussions:** Sessions covered a range of topics, including:
  - **Accelerating Fiber Infrastructure** with a case study from MyRepublic Indonesia
  - **Advancing Fiber Technology** featuring new developments in ultra-low latency connectivity
  - **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** Focused on fiber technology's role in supporting SDGs
- **Networking Opportunities:** Sponsored networking breaks and an evening cocktail reception facilitated valuable connections among attendees from diverse sectors.



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"The event was a game-changer, offering practical insights and strategies to accelerate the deployment of next-generation fiber networks."

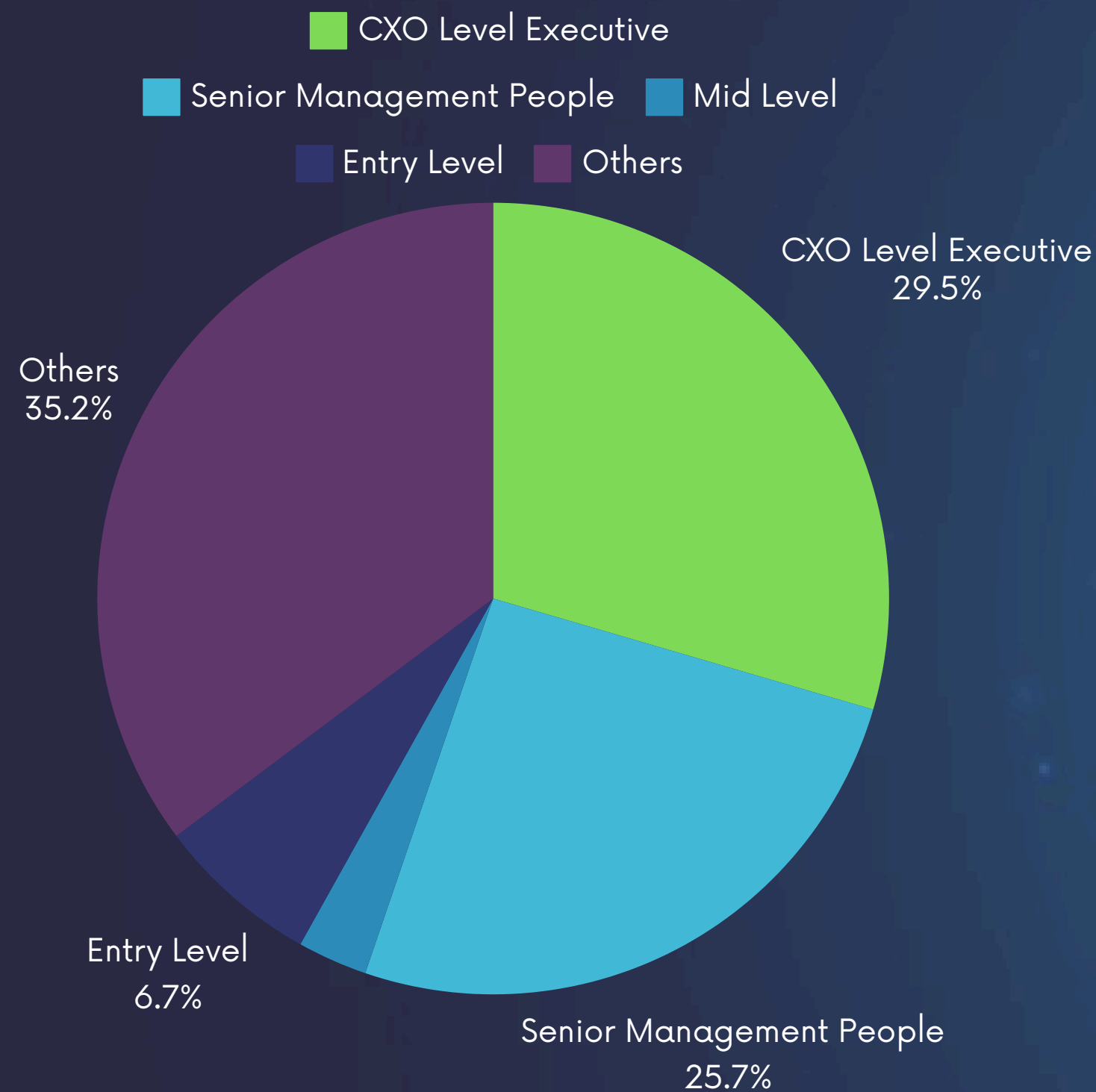
Paulo Martin Santos  
Converge ICT

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“The FiberConnect APAC Conference 2024 united industry leaders and innovators to share solutions advancing connectivity and building resilient communities.”  
Mesake Tuinabua, CTO  
Telecom Fiji Pte Limited

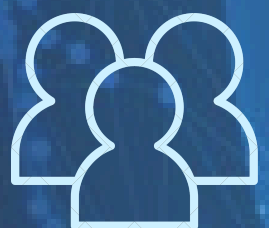


# ATTENDEE PROFILE



20 + Countries Represented

- SOUTH KOREA
- INDIA
- GERMANY
- DUBAI
- TAIWAN
- SPAIN
- INDONESIA
- SINGAPORE
- FRANCE
- TURKEY
- JAPAN
- CHINA
- MALAYSIA
- PHILIPPINES
- FIJI
- AUSTRALIA
- USA
- VIETNAM
- HONG KONG
- BANGLADESH



210+ Delegates



16+ International Speakers

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“Great event to meet experts from producers, strategists and service providers”

**Sudipt Khandelwal**  
VP Sales - APAC  
IQGEO

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## KEY SESSIONS AND SPEAKERS

- **Accelerating Fiber Infrastructure: MyRep Indonesia's Path to 15 Million Homepasses by 2026** – Timotius Sulaiman, CEO, MyRepublic Indonesia *This session featured insights on scaling fiber deployment in Indonesia, overcoming geographic challenges, and fostering public-private partnerships to meet ambitious targets.*
- **Harnessing AI and Digital Technologies: Cultivating a Vision for Sustainable and Purposeful Innovation** – Dr. Muneer Zuhdi, Head of Strategic Innovation Partnerships, Nokia Bell Labs *This session explored the role of AI-native solutions and digital infrastructure in reshaping the connectivity landscape. Dr. Zuhdi highlighted advancements in immersive communications, distributed intelligence, and the use of AI in decentralized networks to enhance sustainability and innovation.*
- **FTTx: Evolution or Revolution?** – Dr. Naoya Wada, Director General, Advanced ICT Research Institute, NICT (Japan) *Dr. Wada and other panelists explored whether Fiber-to-the-X technologies represent a gradual evolution or a fundamental revolution in network design. They examined how rising bandwidth demands are transforming service offerings and network topologies, emphasizing the pivotal role of fiber in meeting future connectivity needs.*
- **Fiber and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** – Panel Discussion *A high-level discussion on fiber's impact on achieving global SDGs, featuring Dr. Shoichi Hanatani (Fiber Network Council APAC) and Engr. Benjz Gerard M. Sevilla (IECEP). Topics included healthcare, education, and economic inclusivity enabled by connectivity.*
- **Cybersecurity Challenges for Fiber Networks** – Alexis Bernardino, Field CISO, PLDT *With the rise in cyber threats targeting critical infrastructure, this session explored the latest frameworks and solutions to safeguard fiber networks from vulnerabilities.*

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*"An exceptional platform for exchanging ideas and fostering partnerships that will drive sustainable growth and technological excellence."*

Naoya Wada  
DG  
NICT Japan

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Fiber Networks as the Backbone of Digital Transformation:** Speakers emphasized the necessity of robust fiber infrastructure to support digital economies, smart cities, and future technologies such as 5G and AI.
- **Advancements in Fiber Technology:** Innovations like MCF, HCF, and low-attenuation fibers were highlighted as critical to meeting future connectivity demands.
- **Security in Fiber Networks:** As networks evolve, so do security needs. Solutions for safeguarding infrastructure from emerging cyber threats were explored in depth.
- **Sustainability and Connectivity:** Fiber's role in achieving SDGs was a prominent theme, with discussions on how fiber supports education, healthcare, and economic inclusivity.

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"From insightful presentations to meaningful networking opportunities, FiberConnect APAC 2024 was a must-attend event for telecom professionals."

Wil-R Saldua  
Vice President,  
Broadband  
GLOBE Telecom

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*FiberConnect APAC 2024 delivered exceptional sponsorship value through impactful discussions, world-class speakers, and a shared vision for a connected future.*

Edwin Chong  
Regional Marketing Manager, Exfo



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# SNAPSHOTS



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# Thank You!

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our sponsors, honored guests, speakers, and delegates who made the recent conference a resounding success. Your support and contributions played a pivotal role in creating an impactful experience for everyone involved.

To our sponsors, your generosity and commitment to excellence enabled us to bring together a diverse group of participants who engaged in meaningful discussions and networking opportunities.

A special mention goes to our esteemed speakers, whose insights and expertise inspired and educated us all. Your contributions not only enhanced the quality of the sessions but also left a lasting impression on attendees.

To all our delegates, thank you for your active participation and enthusiasm. Your engagement is what drives our commitment to fostering these essential conversations in our community.

We look forward to future collaborations and hope to see you all at our upcoming events.

Thank you once again for being an integral part of our success.

Fouad ( Frank ) Jaffer  
Conference Chairman  
Manila, 5th November 2024





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