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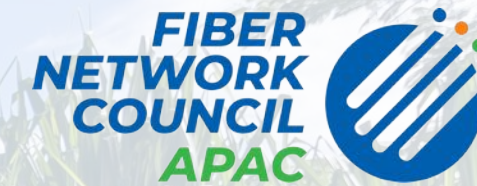
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The Pacific Fiber Conference 2025 (PFC25), hosted in Fiji, marked a turning point for the region's digital journey. Held under the theme "Building Resilient and Secured Digital Pacific for Tomorrow" the conference brought together over 200 industry 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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1 — 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.

2 — 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.

3 — 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.

4 — 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.

5 — 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.
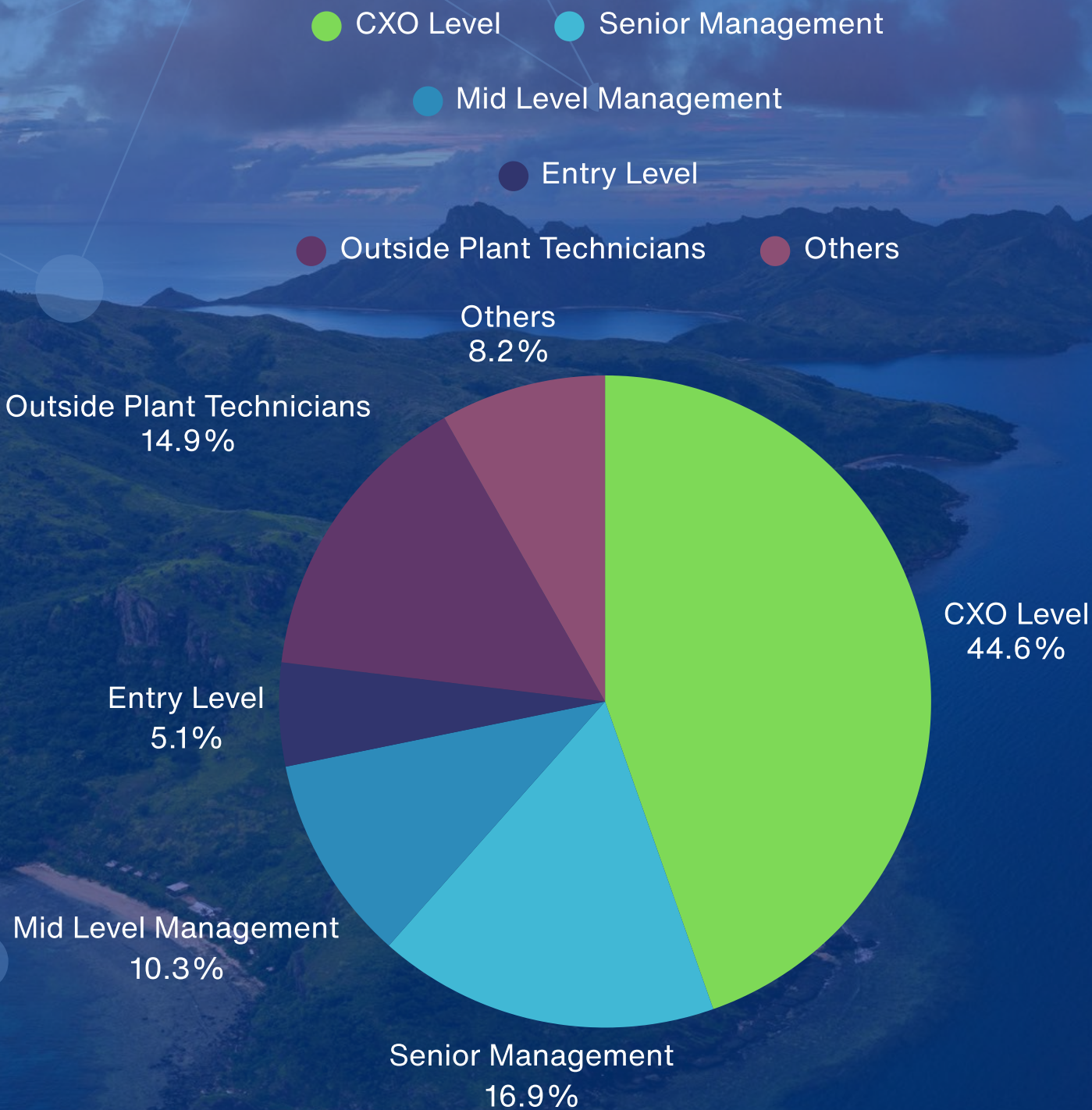
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177 Delegates

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24 Countries

Legend:
- CXO Level
- Senior Management
- Mid Level Management
- Entry Level
- Outside Plant Technicians
- Others

Pie chart:
- CXO Level 44.6%
- Senior Management 16.9%
- Mid Level Management 10.3%
- Entry Level 5.1%
- Outside Plant Technicians 14.9%
- Others 8.2%

Countries Attended

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

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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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Michael Yue, VP, HKT

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

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 Eliasz, 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 "

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

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

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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