

BATIC 2026: Global Digital Leaders Unite to Build APAC's Connectivity, Cloud, and AI Future

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The Bali Annual Telkom International Conference (BATIC) 2026, held from 25 to 28 August 2026, brought together more than 2,700 delegates from over 760 companies across 67 countries, alongside 72 sponsors and exhibitors and more than 4,500 scheduled meetings through the BATIC App, for two conference days of discussions shaping Asia Pacific's digital economy.



BATIC 2026 delegates gather in Bali, Indonesia

Under the theme “Uniting Ecosystem to Drive Connected Progress”, BATIC 2026 reinforced one central message: the advancement of connectivity, cloud, and AI depends on strong collaboration across the entire digital ecosystem.

Conference Day 1: Strengthening the Foundations of Global Connectivity

Conference Day One opened with Sam Evans of Teneo, who set the stage by highlighting how future economic and societal growth is built on next-generation networks. Dian Siswarini, President Director of Telkom Indonesia, then delivered the opening keynote, “Empowering the Digital Future: Connectivity, Innovation, and Growth”, highlighting how advanced networks, AI-driven automation, and digital infrastructure can unlock new growth opportunities.

Dian Siswarini said, *“Building the digital future requires us to strengthen our foundations, embrace intelligence, and collaborate across the ecosystem. Through these efforts, we can transform connectivity into greater innovation, economic opportunity, and sustainable digital growth.”*

The Executive Panel “Investment Horizons: Building Resilient Subsea and Fiber Infrastructure” followed, bringing together leaders from Telkom Indonesia, Airtel, BW Digital, HSBC, Alcatel Submarine Networks, Digital Realty, and PCCW Global. The discussion explored investment requirements, funding models, risk mitigation, and cross-ecosystem collaboration needed to advance resilient international connectivity.

China Mobile International’s Dr. Yin Mingming then shared practical lessons through “From AI Vision to Business Value: Lessons from Real Enterprise AI Deployments,” focusing on how enterprise AI can deliver measurable business impact. This was followed by the Executive Panel “Future-Proofing Communications: AI, Immersion and Inclusivity,” featuring Telin CEO Abdul Rahman Ansyori alongside leaders from e&, Mobile Ecosystem Forum, CPaaS, Orange, SBTs, and Google, exploring how AI, innovation, and strategic partnerships are shaping the future of communications.

Day One continued with Nokia’s Praveen Kumar on **“From Bandwidth to Intelligence: Optical Networking in the AI Era”**, exploring the AI-driven use cases and scalability challenges shaping next-generation optical infrastructure. The day also featured a closed-door Leadership Summit co-hosted by Telin and GLF, where C-level executives discussed capital requirements, supply chain constraints, cross-ecosystem collaboration, and access to affordable energy for AI-enabled infrastructure.

Beyond the main stage, Conference Day One also featured a range of side events, including **Closed-Door Leadership Forum and Expert Spotlights** bringing together industry leaders to exchange insights and explore opportunities across connectivity, AI, digital infrastructure, and the wider digital ecosystem.

Conference Day 2: Accelerating Cloud and AI-Ready Infrastructure

Conference Day Two opened with Sam Evans of Teneo on “Cloud’s Role in Enterprise and Economic Growth in APAC”, setting the scene for discussions on how cloud is transforming enterprises and economies across the region. The programme continued with a Ministerial Keynote, Strengthening Indonesia’s Digital Transformation: Safeguarding Indonesia’s Digital Future in the Age of Cloud and AI delivered by Edwin Hidayat Abdullah, Director General of Digital Ecosystems, Ministry of Communication and Digital Affairs, Republic of Indonesia, highlighting Indonesia’s policy direction for a secure, trusted, and innovation-driven digital ecosystem.

Edwin Hidayat Abdullah said, *“As cloud and AI continue to reshape our economy and society, Indonesia’s digital future must be built not only on innovation and infrastructure, but also on trust. This requires a strong, secure, and inclusive digital ecosystem, supported by close collaboration between government, industry, and the wider community. Through collaboration, we can ensure that technological progress delivers sustainable growth and benefits all Indonesians.”*

The programme then explored the infrastructure and innovation driving APAC’s digital growth through fireside chats with Herson Suindah of SM+ Holdings and Michael McPhail of MoraRepublic on the role of data centres and connectivity in the AI era, followed by Toto Sugiri of DCI Indonesia on the

drivers of cloud demand across the region. LARUS Founder and CEO, Lu Heng also examined how BYOIP is evolving into a strategic value layer for cloud, connectivity, and data centre providers.

The Executive Panel “From Demand to Impact: The Next Phase of Cloud Innovation and Adoption in APAC” brought together leaders from across the technology and telecommunications ecosystem to discuss cloud adoption, AI integration, investment, innovation, and partnerships. The main conference programme concluded with iBASIS Chief Growth Officer, Nicolas Barret’s “Beyond the Cloud: Partnerships and Innovation Powering APAC’s Next Digital Frontier,” reinforcing the importance of cross-ecosystem collaboration in shaping the region’s next phase of growth.

Conference Day Two continued with Expert Spotlights program, expanding discussions around cloud, AI, autonomous networks, digital infrastructure, and the future of the APAC digital ecosystem.

BATIC 2026 Side Events Series

Beyond the main programme, BATIC 2026 also featured a series of side events from 24 to 27 August 2026 held across several venues, including the Special Side Events Room, Surakarta Stage, and Nusantara Stage. The lineup included Mplify’s APAC Member Workshop, the Future Tech Leaders Summit (co-hosted with GLF and YTC), the Closed-door Leadership Summit (co-hosted with GLF), the MNV Session, i3Forum’s Industry Perspectives, the TM Forum Workshop, and Mplify’s Southeast Asia Council Meeting. The energy was further amplified through Expert Spotlights offering deep insights from industry experts.

Strategic Partnerships Signed at BATIC 2026

BATIC 2026 delivered concrete outcomes through several strategic partnership signings:

- **Telin and PEACE** – LoI of PEACE Expansion
- **Telin and TM Forum** – Open API & Open Digital Architecture Manifesto
- **Telin and SM+** – Strategic Partnership MoU
- **Telin and GTI** – MoU on BSC Fiber Pair Project Capacity and Connectivity
- **Telin and Mitratel** – MoU on Telin's Asset Transaction Exploration in Timor-Leste

These agreements translate the conference's collaborative spirit into tangible commitments that will strengthen connectivity and the digital ecosystem across the region.

Abdul Rahman Ansyori, Chief Executive Officer of Telin, said, *"BATIC is a platform where the digital ecosystem comes together to turn conversations into meaningful collaboration. As connectivity evolves towards an AI-driven future, the industry needs to work together across infrastructure, technology, and business ecosystems to build digital foundations that are resilient, scalable, and inclusive. Through BATIC, Telin is committed to strengthening these connections and contributing to the development of APAC's next digital frontier."*

Standing Together in Solidarity

BATIC 2026 unfolded against the backdrop of the earthquake in East Nusa Tenggara (NTT). With Bali and Nusa Dua remaining

operational, more than 2,700 international delegates continued the conference while standing in solidarity with the affected communities. As part of this collective support, BATIC 2026 will contribute USD 10,000, raised from registration and sponsorship proceeds, toward recovery efforts for communities affected by the disaster.

This solidarity became part of the conference's lasting story. BATIC 2026 was not simply an event that continued through a difficult moment, but a global community that came together and stood for one another when it mattered most.

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