

FutureNet Asia 2026

22-23 September 2026 / Singapore

Day One: Tuesday 22 September 2026

8.00 AM	Registration, Coffee & Light Breakfast Collect your badge and grab a coffee & light breakfast in the exhibition!
08.55 AM	Chair's Opening Remarks Roy Chua - Founder and Principal, AvidThink
9.00 AM	Keynote CxO Panel: Building the AI-Native Telco - Re-Architecting the Network from the Ground Up • How telcos are redesigning networks to be AI-native rather than AI-enabled? • The impact of cloud-native cores, Open RAN, and distributed intelligence frameworks • How is real-time AI changing network design, planning, and lifecycle management? • How will AI-native capabilities transform telcos from connectivity providers into platform-based, service-driven businesses? Roy Chua - Founder and Principal, AvidThink Thomas Hundt - Group Chief Business & Technology Officer, Axiata Kim Krogh Andersen - Group Executive – Network, Product & Technology, Telstra Prakash Parekh - ASEAN Regional Vice President & Customer Business Executive, Amdocs
9.40 AM	Keynote Presentation: Operationalizing the AI-Native Telco - Autonomy without blind spots • How to close the gap from intent to trusted outcomes? • What role do digital twins play in creating a shared operational reality for AI agents? • What does it take to make agentic decision-making production-ready? • How do you scale beyond domain-level automation to autonomy that compounds value? Jose Carlos Mendez - Director, Network & OSS Product Marketing, Amdocs
10.00 AM	Keynote Panel: The Telco Reinvention: How AI can fuel Value Creation? • What new service opportunities are next-gen networks enabling: 5G, edge, and cloud-native architectures? • How can telecom operators evolve their role to capture value beyond connectivity in emerging digital ecosystems? • Which real-world use cases are proving the business case for new revenue streams, and what's next on the horizon? • How can AI and automation unlock operational efficiencies that amplify revenue growth and service innovation? Abe Nejad - Publisher, Network Media Group Sayan Banerjee - Chief Analytics & AI Officer, XLSmart Volkan Sevindik - CTO, Starhub Prathet Tankuranun - Head of Technology & Solutions, AI First Program, True Corp Sandeep Arora - Global Sales Head, Rakuten Symphony
10.30 AM	Morning Networking Break Visit the exhibition floor, meet the sponsors & exhibitors, and grab a bite to eat
11.10 AM	AN L4 Case Study: From Network Automation to Agentic Intelligence Description to follow James Zhang - CMO, ICT Marketing & Solution Sales, Huawei APAC
11.30 AM	Panel: Autonomous Networks at Scale - From Automation to Intelligence-Driven Operations • How do CSP's move from isolated automation initiatives to fully scalable, intelligence-driven network operations? • How to move beyond traditional automation toward Level 4-5 autonomous networks with minimal human intervention? • What capabilities—data, AI, and orchestration—are required to enable closed-loop, self-optimising networks at scale? • How can organizations industrialize autonomy across domains (RAN, core, transport) while maintaining reliability and control? Shiv Putcha - Director, Research & Consulting, GSMA Intelligence Tomek Gerszberg - Head of Future Networks, Axiata Group Yu Leong Lim - Vice President, Group Strategy, Engineering and Innovation (Group Technology and Networks), Singtel Shanshil Ahmed Shibly - PMO Lead, AI First Program, True Corporation Vivek Bhamre - Director of Technical Sales & Delivery, VIAVI Solutions
12.00 PM	Presentation: Securing Autonomous Networks in the Age of AI-Driven Fraud Autonomous networks promise greater efficiency, agility, and customer experience—but they also introduce new security challenges. This session examines how operators can harness AI to correlate threat intelligence across network domains, detect emerging fraud patterns, and evolve towards self-protecting networks capable of defending against increasingly complex cyber and fraud attacks. Jan Schaar - Asia Pacific Regional Vice President, Mavenir

12.20 PM **Panel: AI Powering Autonomous Networks: From Capability to Monetization**

- Where does AI create the most tangible value in autonomous networks today?
- How can operators translate autonomy into new revenue streams and business models?
- What role do data, APIs, and ecosystem partnerships play in unlocking monetization?
- How do you measure ROI and scale AI-driven capabilities from pilots to profitable deployment?

Emma Buckland - Research Director, STL Partners

Keith Leong - Chief Customer Officer, Enterprise, Singtel

Bhupinder Singh - President, Asia Pacific, Middle East and India, Vodafone Business

Ali Masood - Group Director - Growth & Development, Telenor

Prianca Ravichander - Chief Marketing Officer and CCO, Tecnotree

12.50 PM **Networking Lunch**

Join your peers on the exhibition floor for lunch & refreshments before the afternoon sessions begin

2.00 PM **Case Study Presentation: Autonomous Capability Is Real, but Where Do I Start?**

2025 saw the industry break through the highly autonomous use case barrier with real cases in real networks, but these are few and far between. The majority of the industry may have the right ambitions and are well progressed in designing architectures and POCs, but when it comes to actual adoption, how do you go from science experiment to operational transformation?

This session will cover:

- How to get the balance right between operational value and organisational adoption
- Some real examples that have worked for Ericsson
- Reflections on transformation challenges and adoption barriers
- Role of strategic partners to derisk and speed up your autonomous journey

Sam Keys-Toyer - Head of Business and Portfolio Development, Managed Services Networks, Ericsson

2.20 PM **Panel: AI Agents in Action - Delivering Value Now**

- Where are telco's and enterprises seeing real returns today from agentic, generative, and predictive AI across customer care, network operations, sales, and automation?
- Which AI use cases are already improving efficiency, reducing costs, driving revenue, and enhancing customer experience - and what lessons have been learned from early deployments?
- What are the biggest barriers to scaling AI today, including data readiness, integration, governance, trust, and operational complexity - and how are organizations overcoming them?
- How are operators, hyperscalers, vendors, and ecosystem partners collaborating to move AI from experimentation to measurable business impact today.

Pulkit Pandey - Director, Analyst, Gartner

Dhaivat Oza - VP Service Assurance, Vodafone Idea

Wai Kiat Kwok - VP, Enterprise Product Management & Development, Telkomsel

Gaya Byrne - Head of Infrastructure & Technology, Telstra Digital Infrastructure

Jan Morgenthal - Chief Transformation Officer, ServiceNow

2.50 PM **NTT DOCOMO's Case Study: Agentic AI-powered Autonomous Network from Day 0 to Day 2 for Cloud-Native Functions**

- End-to-end lifecycle management (Day 0-Day 2) of cloud-native network functions
- The role of orchestration frameworks in enabling autonomous operations
- Practical applications of agentic AI in closed-loop automation and operational decision-making
- How these approaches contribute to achieving higher-level network autonomy

Yoshihiro Nakajima - Director Network Virtualisation Platform, NTT DoCoMoChair, ETSI ISG NFV

3.10 PM **Panel: The role of Agentic AI in Autonomous Networks**

- How can agentic AI help achieve network automation?
- Balancing cost and efficiency to decide where to deploy agents in the network
- How can autonomous agents interact, make decisions, and enable closed-loop systems for better network performance and efficiency?
- Exploring the transition from single-task agents to collaborative multi-agent systems for future network orchestration

Jake Saunders - MD and Vice President, Asia-Pacific, ABI Research

Mohamed Tajul Sultan - Chief Network Officer, Telekom Malaysia

Mohammad Rubbyat Akram - Director, Infrastructure Management, Technology, Robi Axiata

Arthur Gerona - APJ Lead for Telecom Cloud & Core Systems, Dell Technologies

3.40 PM **Afternoon Break**

Visit the exhibition floor, meet the sponsors & exhibitors, and grab a bite to eat

3.40 PM **Closed Door Event: Women in Telco: Roundtable**

A dedicated session for a peer-led conversation where you will hear from a panel of women leaders who will share insight into their journeys, career defining moments and lessons learned, with time at the end for audience Q&A.
This is a closed door event.

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Shanthi Ravindran - Principal Analyst, Appledore Research
Gaya Byrne - Head of Infrastructure & Technology, Telstra Digital Infrastructure
Dr Sri Safitri - Group Corporate Transformation Leader, Telkom Indonesia
Ishari Siriwardane - Deputy Chief Transformation Officer, Sri Lanka Telecom

4.10 PM Panel: AI Revenue Engines: Creating New Value Streams in the Telco Network

- How is AI enabling new revenue models beyond connectivity, from data-driven services to outcome-based and AI-powered offerings?
- Where do network APIs, edge intelligence, and automation unlock monetizable capabilities for enterprises and developers
- How can 5G networks—through slicing, low latency, and edge capabilities—be monetized with AI to deliver differentiated, high-value services?
- How can partnerships across cloud, hyperscalers, vendors, and startups accelerate the creation and scaling of AI-enabled services?
- What platform, governance, and commercial models are needed to translate ecosystem collaboration into sustainable, revenue-generating AI businesses? Are there any use cases today?

Kevin Henry - Head of Strategic Engagement, APAC , GSMA
Sander Veraar - VP of Strategic Services and Head of Enterprise product, StarHub
Ali Masood - Group Director - Growth & Development, Telenor
Fabian Sossa - VP Global & Corporate Marketing , Circles
Sandeep Nagpaul - Head of Sales Consulting - JAPAC , Oracle Communications

4.40 PM Panel Discussion: Resilient Networks in an Era of Disruption: Futureproofing through Network Automation & AI

- Leveraging AI and automation to optimize operational costs, improve network efficiency, and accelerate decision-making during economic and geopolitical uncertainty.
- Building resilient and secure telecom infrastructure through autonomous operations, predictive maintenance, cybersecurity, and intelligent crisis-response capabilities.
- How does data play a part in futureproofing the networks?
- How to enhance customer experience and long-term value with reliable connectivity, proactive service assurance, and AI-driven personalization during periods of disruption and instability?

Divya Keshwani - Research Analyst, S&P Global Market Intelligence
Andrey Kuzin - Chief Technology Officer, Cellcard
Ankur Jain - Director, Infrastructure Solutions (AMEA), BT International
Anuradha Uduwara - Senior Engineer, Sri Lanka Telecom

5.10 PM Case Study: Smartfren & Axiata - Where AI Won't Save Your Merger, and Where it Will

- Market consolidation rationale — why did it happen?
- The integration blueprint — governance, synergies, laundry lists of initiatives, what delivered results
- Where AI changes this going forward — predictive synergy tracking, network optimisation, workforce modelling
- What AI still cannot replace — leadership, accountability, Board trust

Sanjay Vaghasia - Director & Chief Integration Officer, XLSmart

5.30 PM FutureNet Asia Awards

The FutureNet Awards has crowned 100+ winners in the past 6 years. Join us to see the 2026 winners announced and collect their trophies.

6.00 PM FutureNet Asia Networking Drinks Reception

Mingle with your peers in a relaxed environment during the Drinks Reception at the end of Day One
Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks & Canapes - Complimentary for all attendees

Day Two: Wednesday 23 September 2026

8.00 AM Registration, Coffee & Light Breakfast

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8.55 AM Chair's Opening Remarks

Roy Chua - Founder and Principal, AvidThink

9.00 AM Keynote Panel: Capturing the AI Opportunity: What Will It Take for Telcos to Win in the AI Economy?

- How can telcos position themselves as strategic AI partners to enterprises, rather than infrastructure providers?
- What does it take to move from connectivity-led business models to full participation in the AI value chain?
- Is the shift toward compute, edge intelligence, and industry-specific AI platforms now a strategic imperative for operators?
- How can telcos deliver trusted, secure, and outcome-based AI services that meet enterprise-grade expectations at scale?
- Which AI-driven revenue models—from AI-as-a-service to managed edge and vertical solutions—will define long-term growth?

Emma Buckland - Research Director, STL Partners
Binod Sriwastav - Chief Business Officer, Airtel Business
Andrew Bennett - CTO AMEA, BT
Roderick Santiago - CTO, Enterprise Business Group, PLDT
Keith Leong - Chief Customer Officer, Enterprise, Singtel

9.30 AM Keynote Presentation: How Telstra is Reinventing Connectivity for the AI era

- Why telcos need a new growth model
- The foundation: Network as a Product
- Creating new growth opportunities
- Building Australia's Best Network for AI
- Collaboration and ecosystem

Kim Krogh Andersen - Group Executive - Network, Product & Technology, Telstra

9.50 AM **Keynote Panel: The Future Network in an AI World: From Readiness to Reinvention**

- What does a true AI network look like—and how prepared are today's networks to support AI at scale?
- How can telcos move from foundational AI deployments to full-scale, AI-driven network transformation?
- What operating model changes are required to become AI-ready—and how can this transformation be accelerated?
- How can telcos design networks for an uncertain future, balancing long-term vision with rapid technological change?

Kerem Arsal - Senior Principal Analyst, Omdia

Tay Yeow Lian - Chief Technology Officer, Singtel Singapore

Yoke Kong Seow - Chief Technology Advisor, Globe Group

Ken Tan - CTO, Digital Nasional Berhad (DNB)

Roger Watling - Head of Managed Services, Ericsson

10.20 AM **Networking Break**

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11.10 AM **Fireside Chat: Sovereign AI: Building Trusted, Controlled Intelligence for the Telecom Era**

- How telcos can ensure full control over AI models, data, and infrastructure while meeting sovereignty, residency, and regulatory requirements?
- What architectures (edge, cloud, hybrid) are needed to enable secure, sovereign AI without compromising performance or scalability?
- How do governance, trust frameworks, and data ownership models evolve to support AI-driven decision-making in critical network operations?
- What role does sovereign AI play in enabling secure automation across NetOps, OSS/BSS, and customer-facing digital services?

Kerem Arsal - Senior Principal Analyst, Omdia

Vinod Joseph - Vice President - Cloud, AI & Enterprise Architecture, Singtel Group

Magnus Ewerbring - CTO, APAC, Ericsson

11.30 AM **Panel Discussion: New Operating Models for the AI-Native Enterprise: Unlocking Value Through Data and Intelligence**

- How are AI and data fundamentally reshaping operating models from siloed functions into intelligent, cross-domain, and autonomous systems?
- What does a modern operating model look like when decisions are driven by real-time data, agentic AI, and closed-loop automation?
- How can organisations redesign processes, governance, and skills to fully leverage AI-driven, data-centric operations?

Jensen Ooi - Principal Analyst, Omdia

Marko Cetkovic - Chief Digital Officer, M1

Lawrence Chan - Managing Director & Chief AI Officer, MyRepublic Broadband

Ishari Siriwardane - Deputy Chief Transformation Officer, Sri Lanka Telecom

12.00 PM **Presentation: Validating Autonomous Decisions: How Digital Twins Enable Safe AI Deployment at Scale**

- AI recommends network changes in milliseconds, but proving safety and trustworthiness still takes hours. How can operators close that gap?
- How do high-fidelity digital twins calibrated against live network data enable operators to forecast outcomes and validate L4/L5 autonomy before deployment?
- What independent, evidence-grounded validation do boards, regulators, and CFOs require before autonomous changes reach the live network?
- How can operators, NEMs, chipset makers, and governments build confidence in autonomous network decisions across RAN, core, and IP transport?

Sameh Yamany - Chief Technology and AI Officer, VIAVI Solutions

12.20 PM **Women in Telco & Data Panel: Agentic AI & Data-Driven Intelligence: The Telco Playbook for Autonomous Networks**

- How can telcos build a unified, real-time data fabric that enables agentic AI to make trusted, autonomous decisions across RAN, core, and OSS/BSS domains?
- What defines "AI-ready data" in telecom—ensuring quality, context, and consistency to support intelligent, domain-specific AI agents at scale?
- How can streaming telemetry, historical insights, and predictive analytics be combined to enable closed-loop, self-optimising network operations?
- What data architectures, governance models, and operational changes are required to manage exploding network data and enable AI-driven autonomy for the next decade?

Shanthi Ravindran - Principal Analyst, Appledore Research

Dr Sri Saffitri - Group Corporate Transformation Leader, Telkom Indonesia

Amena Shakil - Head of AI & Data Program, Telenor

Meenakshi Gupta - Senior Data Scientist, Rakuten Mobile

Adriana Garrido - Head of Cloud Software and Services, Ericsson

12.50 PM **AIS Case Study: From Network Automation to Agentic Intelligence**

- AIS's New Operating Model in the Age of Agentic AI
- Data as the Engine: What Makes Agents Intelligent at Scale
- Results to date and next steps

Wasit Wattanasap - EVP, Head of Nationwide Network Operations & Support, AIS Thailand

1.10 PM **Networking Lunch**

2.10 PM **Case Study Presentation: Data Readiness for AI deployments at Scale**

- Understand what makes enterprise data AI-ready and why data quality is the foundation of successful GenAI and LLM deployments.
- Explore common data challenges, including fragmented data, inconsistent definitions, duplicate records, and governance gaps.
- Learn practical approaches to improving data readiness through data engineering, governance, privacy, security, and trusted access.
- Discover how continuous data readiness enables scalable, reliable, and responsible AI that delivers lasting business value.

Vinod Joseph - Vice President - Cloud, AI & Enterprise Architecture, Singtel Group

2.30 PM **Case Study Presentation: Digital Master as foundation for Autonomous Network Operations**

- Building on real operator experience to chart the journey from Automation to Autonomy
- Why cannot AI alone deliver autonomous operations?
- Creating a common topology and network data foundation to scale agentic AI
- How Digital Master enables managing the full life-cycle of network operations without human intervention?

Henri Helanterä - Head of Network Assurance, Polystar | Elisa Industriq

2.50 PM **Panel: Agentic AI & Digital Twins for NetOps: Driving Autonomous Networks**

- How are digital twins transforming NetOps from reactive monitoring to predictive, simulation-driven decision-making?
- What is required to build and maintain real-time, high-fidelity digital replicas of live networks across RAN, core, and transport?
- How can operators use digital twins to test, validate, and optimise network changes before deploying them in production?
- How do digital twins integrate with AI and closed-loop automation to enable safer, faster, and more autonomous network operations?

Mei Lee Quah - Senior Director ICT Research, Frost & Sullivan

David Soldani - Senior Vice President, Innovation and Advanced Research, Rakuten Mobile

Ahmed Saady Yaamin - Group Head of Analytics & AI, Axiata Group

Yoshihiro Nakajima - Director Network Virtualisation Platform, NTT DoCoMoChair, ETSI ISG NFV

3.20 PM **Closing Analyst Wrap Up**

Join leading industry analysts for an informal closing conversation as they reflect on the themes, debates, and takeaways, and what they mean for the industry going forward.

Roy Chua - Founder and Principal, AvidThink

Shanthi Ravindran - Principal Analyst, Appledore Research

Divya Keshwani - Research Analyst, S&P Global Market Intelligence

3.40 PM **Networking Break**

Visit the exhibition to mingle with attendees, say farewell to old and new friends, and grab a bite to eat!

4.00 PM **End of Conference. See you in 2027!**