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Subject: **Follow-up invitation to the Second International Submarine Cable Resilience Summit, Porto, Portugal, 2-3 February 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following our initial invitation ([CL-25/50](#)), I am pleased to provide further details about the **Second International Submarine Cable Resilience Summit**, scheduled to take place in **Porto, Portugal, on 2-3 February 2026**. This summit will be hosted by Prof. Sandra Maximiano, Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Communications Authority of the Republic of Portugal (ANACOM) and co-chair of the International Advisory Body on Submarine Cable Resilience.

Building on the discussions at the successful Abuja Summit 2025 and its resulting [Summit Declaration](#), this high-level event will convene governments, regulatory authorities, industry leaders, submarine cable experts, international organizations, and other stakeholders to continue to address the pressing challenges surrounding submarine telecom cable systems. These systems underpin the global digital economy, carrying over 99 per cent of the world's data traffic.

The Summit will feature high-level sessions, and expert panels, with interactive discussions aimed at enhancing the resilience of this vital infrastructure.

The event offers a unique platform for Member States and stakeholders to share experiences, explore innovative solutions, and help in collaboratively shaping strategies to bolster the resilience of global connectivity infrastructure.

### Key updates:

#### Event website and registration

You can now register and find all event details on our official website: [Summit 2026 - Submarine cables](#).

#### Draft Programme

The website includes a draft agenda, showcasing high-level sessions, expert panels, and interactive discussions designed to foster innovative solutions and collaborative strategies.

**Logistical details**

Information on the visa application process, recommended hotels, and other travel arrangements is also available on the website. We encourage in-person participation. While arrangements are made for sessions to be webcast, there will be no remote participation.

**Interpretation**

The Summit will offer interpretation in the six official UN languages to ensure inclusive participation.

Notably, the Summit will also host the second physical meeting of the International Advisory Body on Submarine Cable Resilience. This advisory body, a collaborative initiative between ITU and the International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC), was established in November 2024, and is co-chaired by H.E. Minister Tijani of Nigeria and Prof. Sandra Maximiano.

As the Summit is now just 9 weeks away, we urge you to register and finalize your participation plans promptly. Your engagement will be instrumental in shaping the outcomes of this critical dialogue and enhancing the resilience of global connectivity infrastructure.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

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Secretary-General