2027 ICPC Plenary: 13th – 15th April, Nairobi

'Frontiers of Resilience—Protecting Submarine Cables in an Evolving World'



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Abstracts Due: Friday, 15th January 2027

The International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC) is now calling on those interested in presenting at the next Plenary that will be held in the Radisson Blu Hotel **from 13th – 15th April 2027, in Nairobi, Kenya.**

Under the Plenary theme **'Frontiers of Resilience—Protecting Submarine Cables in an Evolving World,'** ICPC seeks presentation abstracts highlighting the following topics related to the global submarine cable industry:

- **Global infrastructure stewardship and protection.** Case Studies and lessons learned from real-world experience from around the globe and specifically, from Africa and the Western Indian Ocean region to highlight the local ICPC Plenary programme. ICPC Members really value your project experiences and deep knowledge of the inner workings of the submarine cable industry.
- **Building resilience across the lifecycle of submarine cables.** From supply chains, skills, personnel, manufacturing and vessel capability through to permitting, installation, protection, maintenance and repair—we want to hear your insights and perspectives.
- **What's on the industry's horizon?** How data growth, AI, clean energy and new technologies are reshaping submarine cable demand, design, operation and maintenance, amid shifting geopolitics, evolving industry–government relationships and heightened security. And what the next decade holds for future technologies, new uses and markets, and how these will shape cable protection and resilience.

Please note, the topics previously listed are not limited, so additional ideas are welcome for consideration.

About the Plenary: A cornerstone event for our organisation, the ICPC annual Plenary attracts global attendance and has always provided valuable opportunities to exchange ideas on the planning, installation, operation, protection, and maintenance of cables, to learn from



colleagues facing similar challenges, and to get up to date with environmental and legal aspects of submarine cables. This annual event provides tremendous benefits for ICPC Members, presenters, and exhibitors. The Plenary agenda includes presentations, break-out sessions, invited guest speakers, networking opportunities and much more!

Submission details for your presentation abstract:

- **Requirement:** Submission of a written abstract of your presentation (maximum 400 words).
- **Recommended:** In addition to your written abstract, we would welcome a video recording of your abstract (no more than two minutes in length) to assist with the selection process. The Presenter(s) can submit the video recording in any format through any media tool (i.e., smartphone and/or conference software). Please note, your video will not be shared outside the ICPC Executive Committee and Secretariat, and it will be deleted once the process has closed.
- Presentation abstracts may be submitted **here.** A short speaker biography and a headshot photograph are required to accompany the submission.
- Abstracts due by: **Friday, 15th January 2027**
- Notification of acceptance to Presenters by: **Friday, 5th February 2027.**
- Presenter confirmation of attendance by**: Friday, 19th February 2027.** *(Presenters receive a complimentary pass to attend the Plenary, but Presenters are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs).*
- The ICPC will evaluate all submissions based on content, relevance, and quality. ***Please note that presentations previously used at other industry conference events will not be accepted.***

Presentation requirements:

- Presentations should be a maximum of 25 minutes long, including approximately five minutes for questions and answers, formatted in accordance with the ICPC guidelines that will be provided.



- Overt marketing presentations will not be accepted. One slide stating the speaker's affiliation and its activities can be included at the beginning or end of the presentation.
- The Presenter agrees to submit their final presentation by: **Tuesday, 30th March 2027.** Plenary speakers will present in English, but you are welcome to provide a second version of your presentation in your native language for delegates to download after the Plenary.
- The Presenter understands they will be assigned a specific speaking day and time in the agenda which may not be adjustable, although the ICPC will take requests into consideration.
- Case studies are warmly encouraged and need not align strictly with the Plenary theme, provided they are of relevance to the ICPC membership and consistent with the guidance detailed above on marketing content.
- In submitting any abstract or presentation, the submitter certifies to the ICPC that the content of the abstract or presentation: (1) reflects the submitter's own work or that of their organisation; (2) is not subject to export control restrictions or is otherwise authorised or licensed for export or re-export; and (3) does not contain any competitively sensitive information.
- In submitting an abstract, the Presenter agrees their final presentation may be published by the ICPC after the Plenary, including the Plenary website and in the members-only area of the ICPC website. Presenters who do not wish their presentation to be shared with ICPC Members must indicate this at the point of submission. Presentations will be published as PDFs.

About the ICPC: ICPC is a non-commercial, non-profit international community of interest comprising more than **260 member organisations from 78 countries** who are active in the critical activities of building, operating, and maintaining submarine telecommunications and power cable infrastructure. ICPC Member organisations represent over 98% of the world's submarine telecommunications cable infrastructure, and an increasing number of international submarine power cables. To learn more about the ICPC, visit: www.iscpc.org or send an e-mail to icpcinfo@iscpc.org.