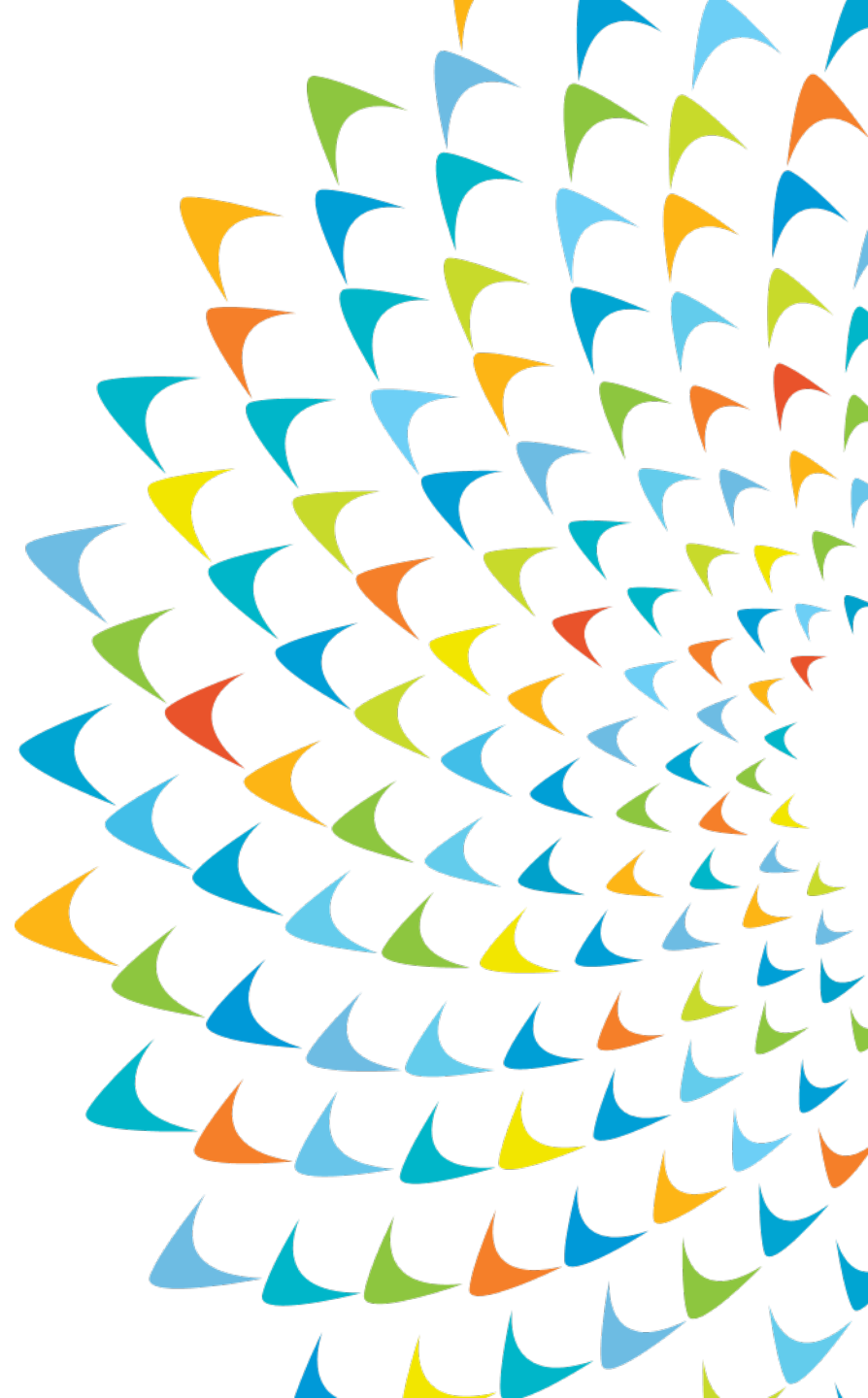




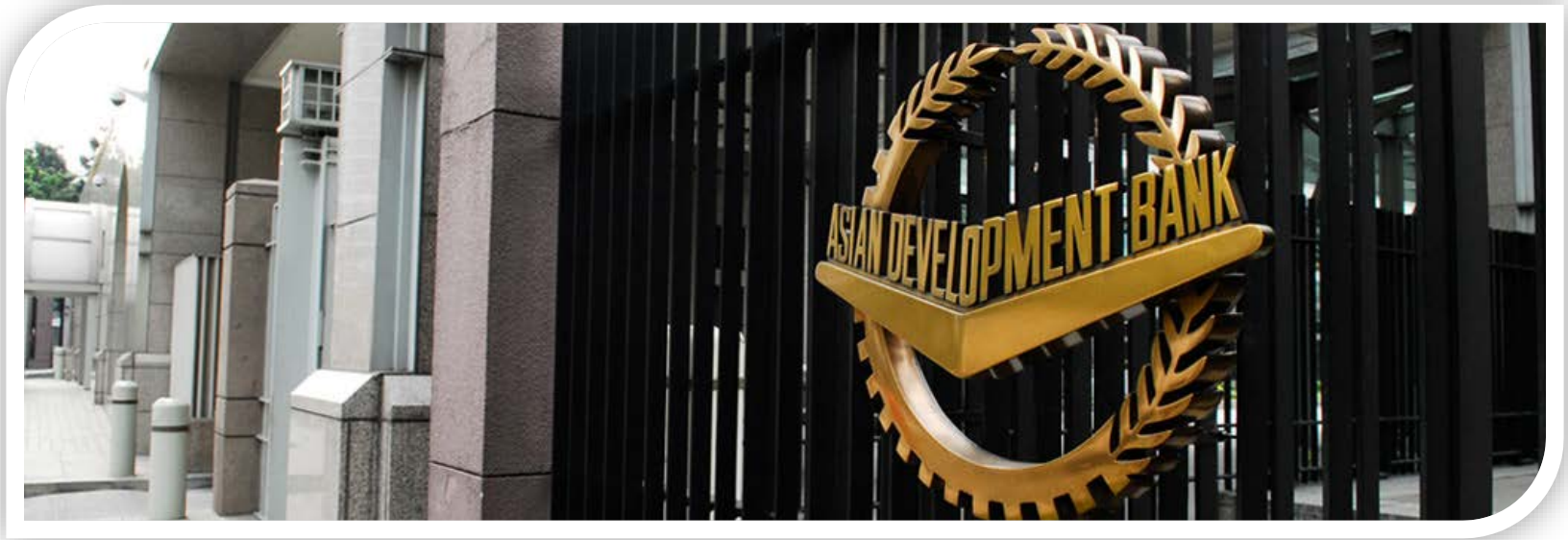
Improving access to Digital Services in the Pacific

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FOUNDED IN 1966



- 68 members; 49 in the region
- 37 borrowing members in 2019
- Focusing on Asia and the Pacific
- 3,572 employees, spanning 64 nationalities



ADB Membership





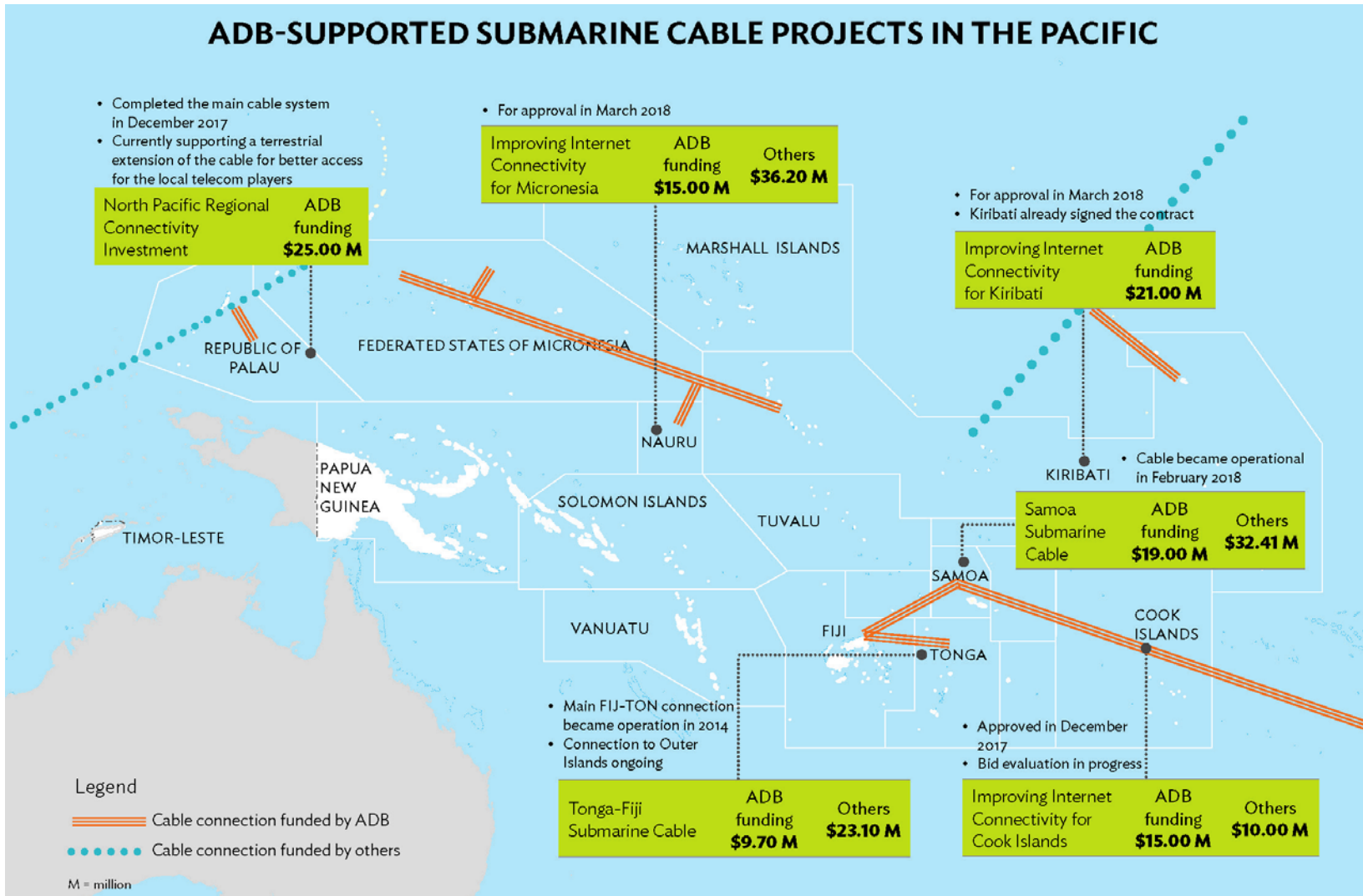
Why investing in subsea cables ?

- Impact of digital technologies in all sectors
- Economic benefit and employment opportunities
- Limited and costly connectivity services in Pacific region
- Fiber optic cable: most reliable and cost-effective long-term solution



Portfolio

ADB-SUPPORTED SUBMARINE CABLE PROJECTS IN THE PACIFIC





ADB's Goal

- Not profit, but development impact
- Affordable quality internet service
- Efficient social service delivery
- Private sector development



Challenges

- Minimizing capital and operating cost
- Different organizational structure
- Regional approach
- Policy and regulatory environment
- Bandwidth utilization



Next

- Connecting the unconnected – outer island, remote communities
- Resilient cable system
- Domestic connectivity
- Applications – e-Government, e-education, digital islands etc.



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