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Digital Lifelines – Strengthening Resilience in a Connected World

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Why Digital Resilience matters

Resilient digital infrastructure is the foundation of a connected, and inclusive world. Digital resilience underpins universal meaningful connectivity – the ability for everyone to access and use the Internet safely, affordably, and effectively.

Resilience needs to be designed and included in every element of connectivity: submarine cables linking continents, terrestrial networks carrying data across cities, satellites supporting communication and navigation, and data centers powering digital services. When any part of this chain fails, essential systems, from finance and healthcare to transport and disaster response, are at risk.

Today, many networks remain vulnerable in the face of growing threats, such as extreme weather events and mega earthquakes.

Resilience ensures that digital systems are designed to with stand, adapt, and recover from disruption, protecting both lives and livelihoods.