



Speakers at NGMN Press & Industry Briefing 2025



Laurent Leboucher

Group CTO and Senior Vice President Orange Innovation Networks, Chairman of the NGMN Alliance Board

As of September 2021, Laurent Leboucher leads Orange Innovation Networks organization supporting Orange business units. He joined Orange in 1992 and held various technical, management and executive positions in several areas (operations, R&D, IT, start-up creation) in France and the United States, with a particular focus on software systems and IT transformations. More recently, within Orange Innovation IT and Services, he led the development of new customer relationship solutions, defined and supported a new IT strategy built on cloud practices and oversaw the IT and Services architecture. Laurent is "Distinguished Fellow" of the TM Forum. He graduated from the Ecole Polytechnique, from Telecom Paris and has a PhD in computer science.



Arash Ashouriha

SVP Group Technology, Deutsche Telekom, Member of the NGMN Alliance Board

In his role at Deutsche Telekom Arash Ashouriha oversees the strategic development and architectural evolution of the technology domains including OSS alongside technology Innovation management, patent management and standardisation. In addition, he oversees strategic technology innovation projects. Prior to joining Deutsche Telekom, Arash was with Vodafone Group for 15 years, where he held multiple Senior Management international roles both in Technology and IT, most recently Chief Network Officer for Germany & Central Europe (2011-2016) and Head of Global Applications (2009-2011).



Anita Döhler

CEO of the NGMN Alliance

Anita Döhler has extensive international experience in various business areas including senior management positions with mobile network operators, vendors and consulting firms. From 2016 until 2020, she held senior management positions at Accenture Industry X.0. Prior to joining Accenture, she worked at Vodafone Group for 16 years, before at E-Plus and Philips, among others. Anita holds a Dipl.-Ing. degree in Telecommunication Engineering as well as an Executive MBA degree. Furthermore, she is a Systemic Business Coach. Anita is passionate about driving technology innovation for the benefit of human and societies and supporting the world's leading operators, vendors and research institutes as CEO of the Next Generation Mobile Networks (NGMN) Alliance.



Luke Ibbetson

Head of Group R&D, Vodafone

Luke Ibbetson has been with Vodafone since 1996 and currently leads the Vodafone Group Research and Development organisation, responsible for all aspects of future research including trials of emerging / disruptive technologies, new industry partnerships and the creation of future revenue engines through advanced technology. Luke is an active participant in Industry Initiatives including 5GAA (Board member), Chairman of the NGMN 5G Board Committee, Advisory Board for UK TechWorks, and Board member for several venture backed new technology companies in which Vodafone has invested. Luke is a proud pioneer of Narrow Band IoT technology and currently shaping Vodafone's thinking on 6G. Luke is a passionate supporter of innovative thinking, helping to create new opportunities for technology to change lives and society for the better.

Moderator

Ray Le Maistre, Editorial Director, TelecomTV

Additional Speakers at Q&A at NGMN Press & Industry Briefing 2025

China Mobile - Guangyi Liu, Chief Scientist of 6G

Liberty Global - Suzana Grujev, VP Mobile Access Strategy

SK Telecom - Takki Yu, Vice President, Ph.D., Head of Infra Tech Office

Telia - Mauro Costa, Director of Networks and IT Infrastructure Architecture & Design

TELUS - Jérôme Birot, Vice President of Telco Cloud, Core Network & Services

UScellular - Mike Irizarry, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Engineering and Information Technology

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