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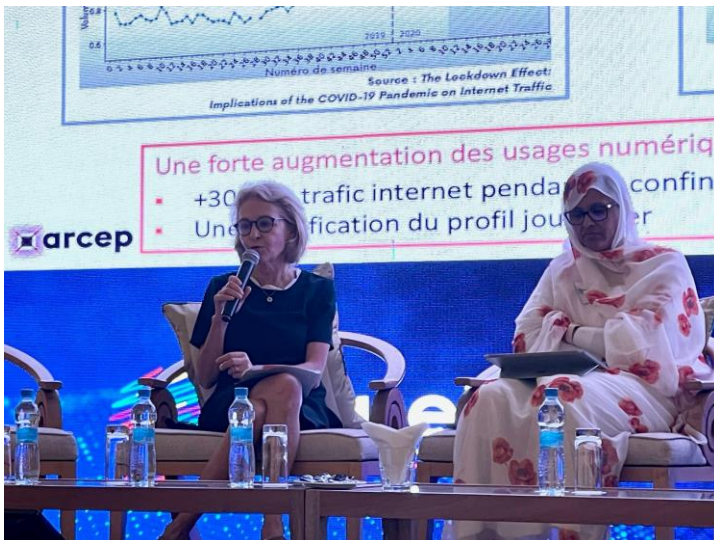
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Arcep Chair, Laure de La Raudière, travels to Mauritius for the Fratel annual meeting, and meets with local stakeholders in Mayotte and Réunion

Paris, 18 November 2022

Discussions on network resilience and security with the Fratel network

The 20th annual meeting of the network of French-speaking telecommunications regulators (Fratel) took place on 10 and 11 November in Balaclava, in the Republic of Mauritius. Having made the trip to talk with the many participants attending the event, and to take part in a roundtable on the risks of network congestion, the Arcep Chair delivered a snapshot of the situation experienced in France during the Covid crisis. She also spoke about the measures that were put into place and the lessons learned during that period. Close to 110 participants representing 26 regulatory authorities, Fratel members, international institutions (ITU, Internet Society), government administrations, academics and stakeholders from the sector attended this event, in person and remotely¹.



Arcep Chair, Laure de La Raudière, during the roundtable on “How to avoid network congestion” -- Photo credit: Antoine Samba (Arcep)

Visit to a submarine cable landing station in Mayotte, and mobile QoS testing demonstration

The Arcep Chair travelled to Mayotte on 14 November to meet with local regional digital development stakeholders. After a stop in the Kaweni slum, on the outskirts of Mamoudzou, she met with teams from Orange and visited the landing station for LION 2 and Fly-LION 3 submarine cables, crucial infrastructures for bringing digital services to the island.

After listening to stakeholders on the island’s mobile connectivity needs, she then attended a mobile quality of service measurement demonstration for Mamoudzou, with a view to Arcep’s annual QoS audit. This trip also provided an opportunity to meet with the regional Prefect, Thierry Suquet, departmental council elected officials, La Poste representatives and local submarine cable operators (Telco OI and STOI). All of these

¹ To find out more: [Fratel press release of 11 November 2022](#)

stakeholders spoke of the addressing issues they encounter on a daily basis, hampering the development of their operations, and the need to have a high quality address database to enable fibre deployment. Mobile operators also shared their singular problems in gaining access to land and properties for fibre deployment, due to an out of date land register.



Laure de La Raudière @lauredlr · 18h

Après un séminaire #Fratel dans l'hémisphère Sud, escale à Mayotte. Habitats « informels », atterrissage des câbles sous-marins, difficultés spécifiques de déploiement, rencontre avec le prestataire de mesure la QS mobiles, échange avec les opérateurs STOI, ONLY, Orange...



In Réunion, singular topographical and climate challenges for fibre deployments

The Arcep Chair also travelled to the island of Réunion on 16 November. The trip began with a crossing towards the cirque de Mafate, starting from Mon Repos, in the town of Saint Paul, to follow the path of fibre deployment through a water seal, and to gain a better understanding of the technical constraints created by the island's singular topography. She also met with the regional Prefect, Jérôme Filippini, with the territory's elected officials, as well as all of the communications operators present in Reunion. At the heart of these discussions: networks' resilience against climate risks, mobile deployments in protected national parks, finalising fibre deployments in areas covered by private initiative, network quality and the outlook for operator Orange's switch-off of its copper network.



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