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## **Broadband Forum brings together industry luminaries to explore NG-PON2's role as a universal platform for broadband connectivity**

*BASe event at OFC 2019 will examine the state and future of NG-PON2 technology and its role in tomorrow's residential, business, wireless and 5G networks*

**Fremont, and San Diego, California, 5 February 2019:** Broadband service leaders Verizon, Google, SK Broadband, and AIT Greece and thought leaders from OVUM and the Fiber Broadband Association will speak alongside a host of technology leaders from across the optical industry at the Broadband Forum's next Broadband Acceleration Seminar (BASe) event on March 7, 2019 at [OFC](#) in San Diego.

The special BASe event, called a BASePOINT because of its singular focus on a specific technology, will explore the progress to date of NG-PON2 as a technology and its future evolution and deployment prospects as the next era of connectivity is realized. BASePOINT OFC will be composed of four key segments – Worldwide Access Market Overview, Component Market Update, Ecosystem Overviews & Best Practices, and Integration & Applications – and will take place as part of the Special Sessions and Show Floor Programs of OFC, in the San Diego Convention Center Room #17B, Mezzanine Level, starting at 8am and ending at 5pm. For a full agenda of BASePOINT OFC, click [here](#).

Kicking off the keynotes will be Glenn Wellbrock, Director of Optical Transport, Design, and Planning at Verizon, with his presentation 'NG-PON2 enabling the services of tomorrow!' Julie Kunstler, Principal Analyst at Ovum, will follow, with Fiber Broadband Association, AIT Greece, Calix, Lightron, Hisense Broadband Multimedia, Pic Advanced, Go!Foton, Hybrid Access Technologies, Corning, ADTRAN, Huawei, DASAN Zhong Solutions, Nokia and Ericsson, also speaking and participating in panel discussions during the workshop.

"We're noticing a real buzz ahead of BASePOINT OFC as it is such an exciting time for so many new optical technologies, and a critical time in the evolution for NG-PON2," said Bernd Hesse, Chairman of BASe and Broadband Forum Board Member. "This year's BASe event is our strongest agenda ever, clearly reflecting the momentum behind NG-PON2 technology

and the role that previous BASE events have played in opening up the ecosystem for this transformative technology. With NG-PON2 mass deployments already underway, and new applications in 5G transport, business services, and advanced residential broadband on the horizon, this is a seminar that you won't want to miss."

Sponsored by Global Platinum sponsors Calix and Go!Foton, and OFC event sponsor Lightron, [BASE](#) is a Broadband Forum initiative that highlights new technologies and best practices for the delivery of high value services across the whole broadband ecosystem.

These seminars provide attendees with a new perspective on what is being created for broadband providers and users alike, delivered by the leaders in the industry, many of whom are active participants in the Broadband Forum's work. A detailed agenda of BASEPOINT OFC can also be found on the Broadband Forum website [here](#).

BASEPOINT OFC attendees must register for the OFC conference to participate. For a free of charge Exhibit Pass Plus, click [here](#).

To hear more about the growing momentum around Broadband Forum's BASE events, click [here](#) for a video interview with BASEPOINT OFC hosts Bernd Hesse and Broadband Forum CMO Geoff Burke.

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#### **About the Broadband Forum**

Broadband Forum is the communications industry's leading organization focused on accelerating broadband innovation, standards, and ecosystem development. Our members' passion – delivering on the promise of broadband by enabling smarter and faster broadband networks and a thriving broadband ecosystem.

A non-profit industry organization composed of the industry's leading broadband operators, vendors, and thought leaders, our work to date has been the foundation for broadband's global proliferation and innovation. For example, the Forum's flagship TR-069 CPE WAN Management Protocol has nearly 1 billion installations worldwide.

Broadband Forum working groups collaborate to define best practices for global networks, enable new revenue-generating service and content delivery, establish technology migration strategies, and engineer critical device, service & development management tools in the home and business IP networking infrastructure. We develop multi-service broadband packet networking specifications addressing architecture, device and service management, software data models, interoperability and certification in the broadband market.

Our free technical reports and white papers can be found at <https://www.broadband-forum.org/>.

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#### **About BASE**

The **B**roadband **A**cceleration **S**eminar (BASE) series is a ground-breaking educational and thought leadership initiative organized by Broadband Forum to keep the communications industry informed on cutting-edge innovations in broadband technologies and standards, ecosystem development, and best practices. Run by Broadband Forum, the industry's most respected organization for accelerating broadband innovation and deployment, this highly successful series is now in its third year, and provides powerful insights to attendees – typically key influencers from global broadband service providers and suppliers, as well as analysts and government officials. Each BASE series event touches upon one or all of the major areas of focus of the Broadband Forum – 5G, Connected Home, Cloud, and Next Generation Access – and consists of presentations led primarily by the Broadband Forum membership, which consists of the world's largest and most innovative service providers, vendors, component manufacturers, and influencers.

BASe events are often held in conjunction with major industry conferences. More information about BASe series and upcoming events can be found [here](#).

BASe events are made possible through sponsors who have aligned their brands with these premium events that offer unrivaled opportunities for companies to reach the Broadband Forum's elite membership base expansive sphere of influence. More information about BASe sponsorship opportunities can be found [here](#).

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