

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Upcoming Conference of IAFI



Highlights of the week:

Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) for WRC-23: The second session for CPM for WRC-23, CPM23-2 concluded in Geneva. A 11-day meeting from 27th March to 6th April with over 2000 participants. IAFI has submitted a one direct contribution and one contribution through the Indian administration to this meeting. Our inputs suggested proposed modifications of the draft CPM report to WRC-23 for Agenda Item 1.2 and Agenda 7, Topic B. A strong IAFI delegation is attending the meeting, it has been thrilling to see a large and effective Indian delegation participation with 18 physical delegates and many more virtually.



TRAI Consultation on satellite spectrum: IAFI has started a stakeholder consultation on the recent Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) consultation paper on “Assignment of Spectrum for Space-based Communication Services”. TRAI was requested by the DOT to provide recommendations, on appropriate frequency bands, band plan, block size, applicable reserve price, the quantum of spectrum to be auctioned, and associated conditions for the auction of spectrum for space-based communication services, including the frequency band 27.5-29.5 GHz which is also being studied for IMT and Captive Non-Public Networks.



TRAI Consultation papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Date	Status	Submission
Assignment of Spectrum for Space-based Communication Services	04 th May 2023	Under Development	-

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Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Meetings
APT: 35th APT Standardization Program Forum (ASTAP-35)	17 th April – 20 th April 2023	10 th April 2023	-
ITU-T: SG15 - Networks, technologies and infrastructures for transport, access and home	17 th April –28 th April 2023	10 th April 2023	-
ITU-R: Coordination Committee for Terminology (CCT)	18 th April 2023	11 th April 2023	-
APT: 1st Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WTSA 24 (APT WTSA24-1)	21 st April 2023	11 th April 2023	-

Telecom Stories:

The Government approved the Indian Space Policy 2023 that seeks to institutionalise the private sector participation in the space sector, with ISRO focusing on research and development of advanced space technologies. The Indian Space Policy-2023, approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi also delineated the roles and responsibilities of ISRO, space sector PSU New Space India Limited (NSIL) and Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (IN-SPACe).



Union Electronics and Information Technology Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar dismissed the criticism as "deliberate misinformation". Government has decided to notify an entity through Meity and that organisation then would be the fact checker for all aspects of content online and only those content that are related to the government.



The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) plans to vacate more spectrum in the mid band worth over Rs 1 Lakh Crore from incumbent broadcasting or satellite users in the coming three years and auction it for 5G and 6G use. Mid-band spectrum is considered ideal for 5G services because it can carry loads of data and also travel long distances.

