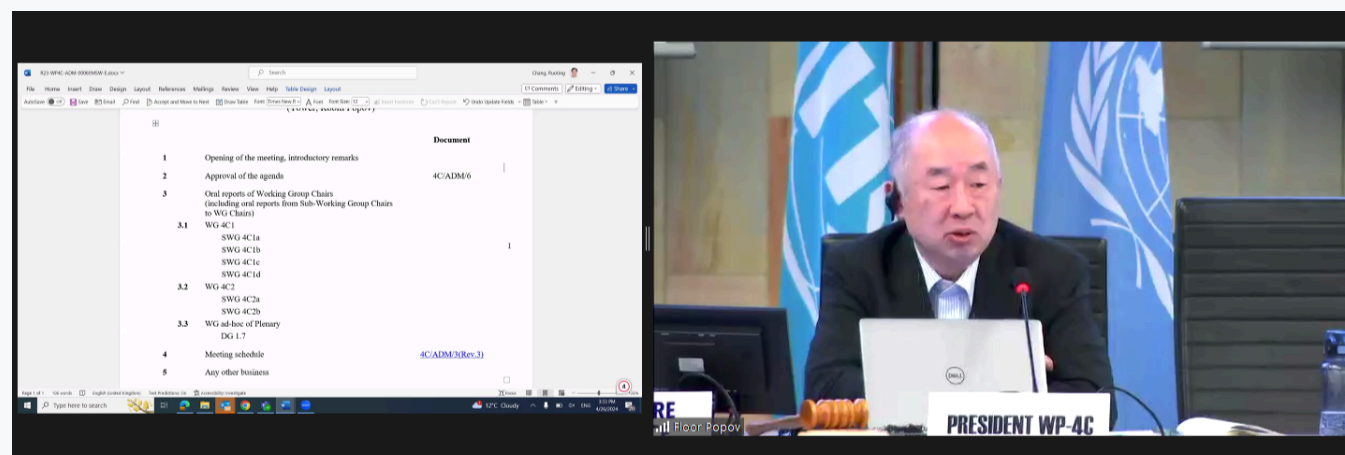


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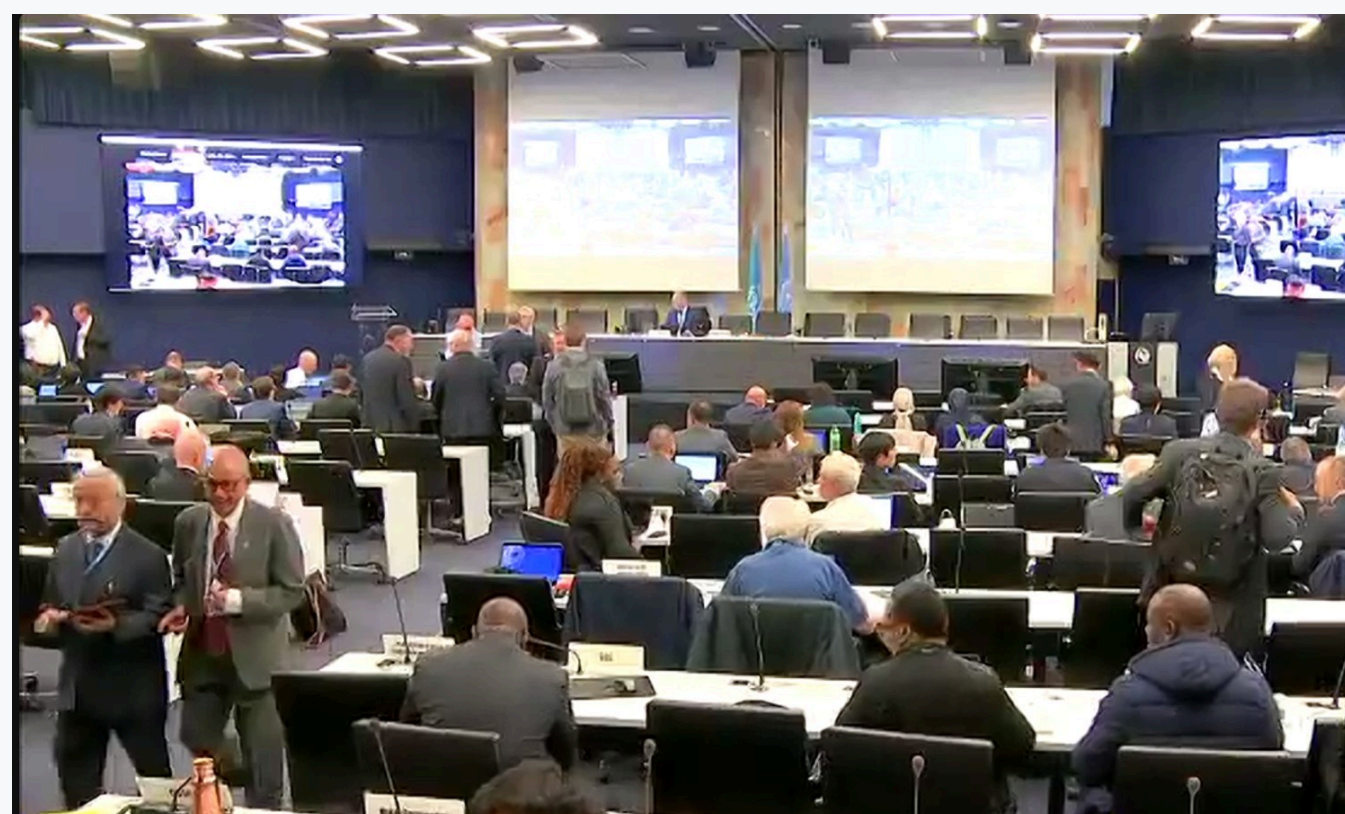
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Meeting of Working Party – 4C under SG-4 of ITU-R



ITU-R WP-4C meeting dealing with efficient orbit and spectrum utilization for MSS and RDSS, was held from 24th April, 2024 to 30th April, 2024 at Geneva, Switzerland. Total 564 participants attended the meeting either physically or in virtual mode, including of 401 participants from various countries and 163 other participants. Many IAFI members also joined the meeting in virtual mode. Being the first meeting WP-4C since WRC-23/CPM-27-1 in Dubai (November-December 2023), the meeting focused on agenda items assigned to WP-4C. Total 75 contributions were presented in the meeting and discussed in detail. Total seven documents, four draft Working Document regarding Agenda Item 1.11, 1.12, 1.13 and 1.14, revision of two existing ITU-R reports M.1787-5 and M.2350 and a new draft recommendation regarding IMT-RNSS was approved by the WP-4C meeting for further studies.

Meeting of Working Party – 4A under SG-4 of ITU-R



ITU-R Working Part- 4A dealing with efficient orbit and spectrum utilization for the FSS and BSS, is meeting from 1st May, 2024 to 9th May, 2024 at Geneva, Switzerland in a hybrid mode. Many IAFI members also joined the meeting in physical as well as virtual mode. Being the first meeting WP-4A since WRC-23/CPM-27-1 in Dubai (November-December 2023), the meeting focused on the various agenda items assigned to WP-4A. Total 126 contributions were submitted and discussed in the meeting. Based on the WRC-23 resolution -129, IAFI submitted a new contribution (C-115) on Agenda Item 1.2, regarding studies on possible revisions of sharing conditions in the frequency band 13.75-14 GHz to allow the use of uplink fixed-satellite service earth stations with smaller antenna sizes. Document was discussed in detail and accepted. It was agreed in the meeting to develop a working document to start new study. The meeting approved studies on Agenda Items 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, and 1.6. Working documents have been developed for further discussion. Final details will be available after the meeting concludes on 09-05-2024

Meeting of APT/WTSA-24-3



The 3rd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24 (APT WTSA24-3) 30 April - 2 May 2024, Siem Reap, Cambodia

The APT/WTSA-24-3 meeting was held in a hybrid format at Siem Reap, Cambodia, from April 30 to May 2, 2024. Approximately 327 delegates, including online participants, attended the meeting. A total of 129 documents were discussed, including 32 submitted by India. The work of WTSA-24-3 was divided among three working groups: WG-1, WG-2, and WG-3. After detailed discussion, WG-1 approved the six Candidate draft PACP for revision of existing resolutions, one for suppression of existing resolution and one new resolution Candidate draft PACP. WG-2 could not finalize any Candidate draft PACP and decided that the work will be taken up in the future WTSA-24-4 or 5 meeting. WG-3 reviewed the 83 input documents and 23 Candidate draft PACPs for revision of the existing resolutions, one for suppression of the existing resolution and three new resolution Candidate draft PACP, were approved during the meeting. Due to the volume of Candidate draft PACPs, the WG-3 Chair proposed a virtual interim meeting from May 27th to 29th, 2024. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI also joined the team of Primary Editor on behalf of India, in finalizing Candidate draft PACPs.

Meeting of the WP-5A/SG-5 of the IUT-R



The ITU-R WP-5A/SG-5 meeting is likely to be held in a hybrid format from May 14th to 24th, 2024, in Geneva, Switzerland. WP-5A focuses on studies related to land mobile service (excluding IMT), wireless access in the fixed service, and amateur/amateur-satellite services. India submitted following three contributions, based on the inputs provided by the IAFI.

Document No	Title
C-68	Interference criteria of Public Protection and Disaster Relief (PPDR) systems.
C-69	Proposed revision of Recommendation ITU-R M.2121 - Harmonization of frequency bands for intelligent transport systems in the mobile service.
C-70	Proposed revision of Report ITU-R M.2444 - Examples of arrangements for intelligent transport systems deployments under the mobile service.

TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	Status
Auction of Frequency Spectrum in 37-37.5 GHz, 37.5-40 GHz, and 42.5-43.5 GHz bands Identified for IMT	16th May 2024	Under Development

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI PREPARATORY MEETINGS
ITU-R: Working Party 4A (WP 4A)	01st - 09th May 2024	21st April 2024	-
APT: Meeting of the SATRC Working Group on Spectrum	07th - 09th May 2024	28th April 2024	-
ITU-T: SG-WP9	09th - 17th May 2024	30th April 2024	-
ITU-R: WP5A, 5B and 5C	14th - 24th May 2024	04th May 2024	-
ITU-D: TDAG	20th - 23rd May 2024	10th May 2024	-
ITU-R: WP3J, 3K, 3L and 3M	29th May - 07th June 2024	19th May 2024	-
APT: The 1st Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-1)	03rd - 06th June 2024	24th May 2024	-
ITU-R: WP1A, 1B and 1C	12th - 09th June 2024	02nd June 2024	-
ITU-R: Working Party 5D (WP 5D)	25th June - 02nd July 2024	15th June 2024	08th May 2024

Telecom Stories:



S. Somanath, Secretary, DOS/Chairman, ISRO, released the Indian Space Situational Assessment Report (ISSAR) for 2023 compiled by ISRO System for Safe and Sustainable Space Operations Management (IS4OM) on April 2, 2024 .

Space Situational Assessment 2023

Space assets operating in outer space are vulnerable to various environmental hazards- natural objects like asteroids, comets, and meteoroids, energy and particle flux, and artificial space objects. Therefore, continual awareness of the space environment and its future evolution, namely Space Situational Awareness (SSA), becomes an essential prerequisite for safe and sustainable operations in outer space. ISRO's SSA activities include close approach assessment of satellites and launch vehicles, prediction of atmospheric re-entry, the study of the evolution of space object population to safeguard national space assets, and also promoting responsible behaviour while conducting operations in outer space. An annual assessment of the prevailing space situation is also compiled in the form of the Indian Space Situational Assessment Report (ISSAR) for reference and dissemination to the relevant stakeholders. The highlights of the latest space situational assessment for the year 2023 are presented next.



More power to telecom consumers as the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on Thursday directed the telecom companies to start the trials for Calling Name Presentation (CNAP) services. Zee Business learned from sources that in a letter sent to all telecom operators, the telecom department directed the telecom companies to start the trial for CNAP, which will help the telecom consumers know who the caller actually is, making it easier for users to decide whether to answer the call or not. CNAP will also help in preventing spam calls and fraud on telecom networks.



Telecom subscriber base in the country grew marginally to 119.9 crore in March due to new additions by Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel, according to a TRAI report released on Friday. The broadband subscriber base rose to 92.4 crore, as per the monthly subscriber report published by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). "The number of telephone subscribers in India increased from 1,197.75 million at the end of February 2024 to \$1,199.28\$ million at the end of March 2024, thereby showing a monthly growth rate of 0.13 per cent," the report said.

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