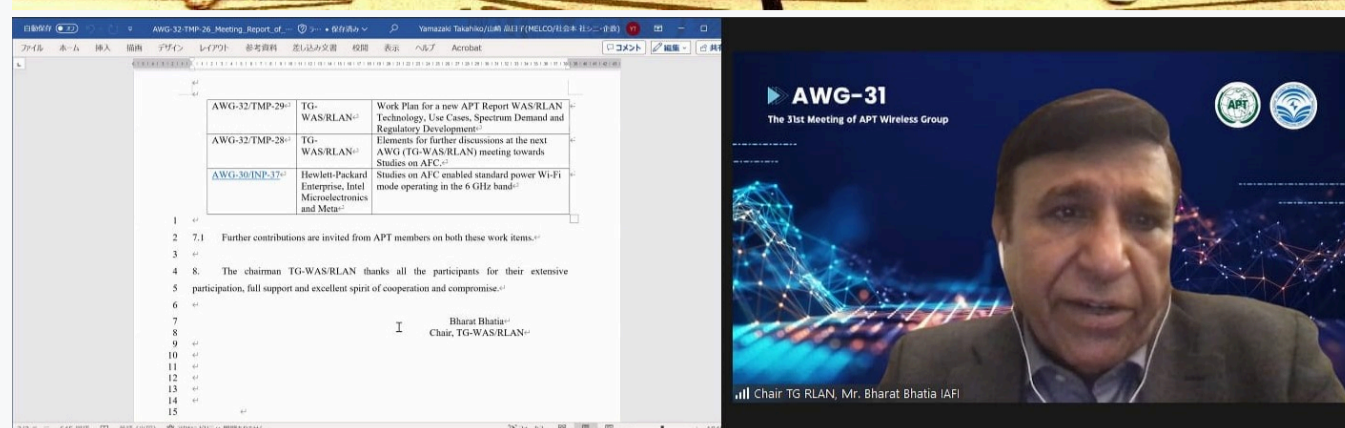


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APT/AWG-32 meeting held at Pattaya, Bangkok



The Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) held the 32nd meeting of its Wireless Group (AWG-32) from March 4th to 8th, 2024, in Pattaya, Thailand. This marked the first AWG meeting following the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) which recently took place in Dubai from November to December 2023. Over 100 technical contributions were presented and discussed during AWG-32. IAFI, in collaboration with its industry partners, actively participated by submitting seven contributions. IAFI President, Shri Bharat Bhatia, along with several other members, attended the meeting.

IAFI had submitted 7 input contributions to this meeting. These includes:

Document No.	Description
AWG-32/INP-87	Updates to working document towards new APT Report on PMSE frequency usage in the 470-806 MHz band in Asia Pacific region
AWG-32/INP-88	For hosting a 6G Workshop
AWG-32/INP-89	Proposed updates to working document AWG-31/TMP-67 towards a draft new APT Report on technology and regulatory developments for the delivery of 5G/IMT-2020 applications in the Mobile Satellite Service
AWG-32/INP-90	Revision to working document towards a preliminary draft revision of APT Report on point-to-point radiocommunication systems operating in the frequency range 252- 296 GHz
AWG-32/INP-91	Updates to working document towards a draft new APT Report on deployment approaches and solutions for IMT-2020/5G use case
AWG-32/INP-92	Further updates to the proposed working document towards a draft new APT Report on WAS in Asia Pacific region
AWG-32/INP-101	Finalization of working document towards a draft new APT Report on operational characteristics of a Non-GSO FSS earth station terminal on vessels and aircraft nominally operated under FSS operating in the frequency bands 10.7-12.75 GHz (space-to- earth) and 14-14.5 GHz (earth-to-space)

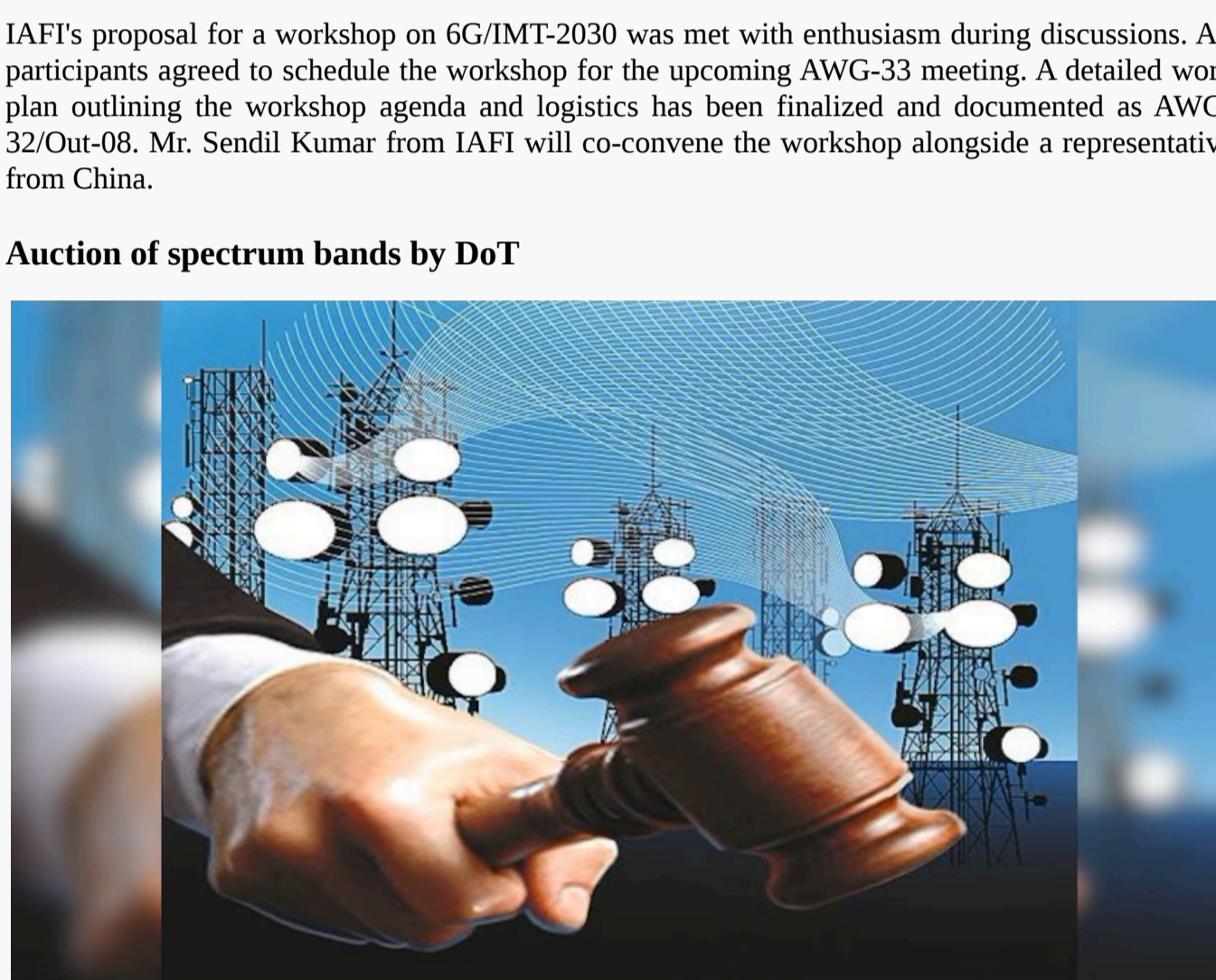
All IAFI contributions were well received and necessary updates were made to the relevant documents. Overall the AWG-32 meeting ended with a good success in developing 53 Temp documents and 18 Out documents. Next APT/AWG-33 meeting will be held in Sept, 2024 in Bangkok.

Proposed 6G Workshop in AWG



IAFI's proposal for a workshop on 6G/IMT-2030 was met with enthusiasm during discussions. All participants agreed to schedule the workshop for the upcoming AWG-33 meeting. A detailed work plan outlining the workshop agenda and logistics has been finalized and documented as AWG-32/Out-08. Mr. Sendil Kumar from IAFI will co-convene the workshop alongside a representative from China.

Auction of spectrum bands by DoT



Department of Telecommunications vide notification dated 08-03-2024 issued Notice Inviting Application for Auction of Spectrum in 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz,

Band	Paired/ Unpaired	Uplink frequency (MHz)	Downlink frequency (MHz)
800 MHz	Paired	824-844	869-889
900 MHz	Paired	890-915	935-960
1800 MHz	Paired	1710-1780	1805-1875
2100 MHz	Paired	1939-1979	2129-2169
2300 MHz	Unpaired		2300-2380
2500 MHz	Unpaired		Unpaired
3300 MHz	Unpaired		3300 -3670
26 GHz	Unpaired		24250 -27500

The Government has set itself the following objectives for the Auction:

- Obtain a market determined price of Spectrum through a transparent process;
- Ensure efficient use of spectrum and avoid hoarding;
- Stimulate competition in the sector;
- Promote rollout of the respective services;
- To arrive at optimal price of spectrum to ensure sustainable and affordable access to Digital Communications.

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-R: Working Party 6A (WP 6A) - Terrestrial broadcasting delivery	05th - 13th Mar 2024	27th Feb 2024
ITU-T: SG13 - Future networks and emerging network technologies	04th - 15th Mar 2024	26th Feb 2024
ITU-R: Working Party 6B (WP 6B) - Broadcast service assembly and access	11th - 14th Mar 2024	04th Mar 2024
APT: The 3rd Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24 (APT WTSA24-3)	30th April - 02nd May 2024	23rd April 2024
APT: Meeting of the SATRC Working Group on Spectrum	07th May - 09th May 2024	30th April 2024
APT: The 1st Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-1)	03rd Jun - 06th Jun 2024	27th May 2024

Telecom Stories:



Minister Vaishnav said, "It is matter of pride for us that indigenously developed and made in India router, a secure router, a core routers of capacity 2.4 TBPS has been developed and launched today. This is a core router, which is secure and which can actually provide very important functions in our entire Prime Minister's vision of Digital India."



The government has recently clarified its advisory on Artificial Intelligence (AI), specifying that it only applies to large firms and not startups. However, experts remain unsatisfied, citing the government's March 1 advisory as unclear and overly broad.

A recent paper by the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) points out the ambiguity in the advisory and suggests that the government make some changes. It suggests that the advisory should clearly distinguish between 'significant platforms' and startups or smaller companies.



Cyber Security Research and Development (CSRD) Group, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has invited proposals for research, in thrust areas including Digital Forensics, IOT Security, Data Security, Mobile Security and Network and System Security.

The proposals may be submitted by an individual institution or in a consortium model, with defined milestones/ timelines and roles of individual institutions.

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