

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

IAFI News

Meeting of Focus Group on Costing Data (FG-CD) held at Malawi



IAFI presented two contributions to the second meeting of the Focus Group on Cost Models for Affordable Data Services (FG-CD)

1. Challenges in proving affordable data services in a complex market.
2. Infrastructure sharing for rolling out 5G network for affordable data service.

Both the contributions were discussed in detail and accepted for taking further necessary action by respective Working Group. It was decided to hold 3rd meeting of FG-CD online on 05-06, Aug, 2024. The meeting was held in a hybrid format at the Bingu International Conference Centre (BICC) in Lilongwe, Malawi and was hosted by the Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA). The ITU and MACRA also jointly organized the workshop on 8th & 9th April, 2024, followed by the second meeting of the FG-CD on 09-10, April, 2024. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, Shri Shailendra Kumar Mishra, Chair of the FG-CD, was unable to attend the meeting remotely. Ms. Hilda Musteyekwa, Vice-Chair, chaired the event with the dynamic support of Shri Vijay Mauree from the ITU's TSB.

IAFI contributions for the upcoming meeting of WP-4A



Meeting of SG-4 (satellite services) of ITU-R and all the three working parties WP-4A, WP-4B and WP-4C will be from next week onwards, at Geneva, Switzerland, as detailed below.

s.no	Group	Meeting
1	SG- 4	23-04-2024 and 10-05-2024
2.	WP-4C	24-04-2024 to 30-04-2024
3	WP-4B	29-04-2024 to 03-05-2024
4	WP-4A	01-05-2024 to 09-05-2024

IAFI intends to submit four contributions to Working Party 4A (WP-4A), based on the outcomes of the WRC-23, CPM 27-1. In addition, we have already submitted one draft contribution to the Indian administration on Agenda item 1.13. National Study Group 4 (NSG4) hosted a number of virtual meetings via the C-DoT platform to discuss new contributions for the upcoming WP 4C and WP 4B meetings. Representatives from IAFI, ISRO, IN-SPACe, NSIL, TEC, and industry experts participated in the discussions.

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	30th April 2024	Under Development
Inputs for formulation of National Broadcasting Policy-2024	02nd May 2024	Under Development

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-T: SG16 Multimedia and related digital technologies	15th - 26th April 2024	05th April 2024
ITU-T: SG12 - Performance, quality of service (QoS) and quality of experience (QoE)	16th - 25th April 2024	06th April 2024
ITU-T: TSAG RG-WTSA e-meeting	18th April 2024	08th April 2024
ITU-D: TDAG Working Group on Streamlining Resolutions (TDAG-WG-StreamRes)	18th April 2024	08th April 2024
ITU-R: (SG 4) Satellite Services	23rd April 2024	13rd April 2024
ITU-T: SG20 Regional Group for Asia and the Pacific (SG20RG-AP)	23rd - 24th April 2024	13rd April 2024
ITU-R: Working Party 4C (WP 4C)	24th - 30th April 2024	14rd April 2024
ITU-T: SG13 Regional Group for Africa (SG13 RG-AFR)	25th April 2024	15rd April 2024
ITU-R: Working Party 4B (WP 4B)	25th April 2024	15th April 2024
ITU-T: ITU Focus Group on metaverse (FG-MV)	30th April 2024	20th April 2024
APT: The 3rd Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24 (APT WTSA24-3)	30th April - 02nd May 2024	20rd April 2024
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
APT: The 1st Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-1)	03rd - 06th Jun 2024	24th May 2024
ITU-T Second Inter-regional Meeting for WTSA-24 Preparation	25th July 2024	15th July 2024
ITU-T Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG)	29th July - 02nd Aug 2024	19th July 2024

Telecom Stories:



Generative AI is a relatively new phenomenon, and a fine balance must be struck between innovation and regulation to safeguard social structures and ensure progress, said Union Minister for Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw.

The minister was speaking at a seminar by Women Journalist Welfare Trust. "There is a very risky side, which is affecting our society, democracy, and many of the social structures that were meticulously built over decades and centuries. Many of the institutions that were meant to protect society and make sure that we all live in a harmonious way are under attack," he said.



New Delhi: The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is expected to approach Trai this month to seek the regulator's views on method and pricing for allocation of spectrum and scope of licences to be issued for flatcom services, according to sources. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) had floated a consultation paper on "Assignment of Spectrum for Space-based Communication Services" on April 6, 2023 but returned the reference back to DoT after announcement of new Telecommunication Act.



Q4 FY24 revenue and EBITDA of telecom companies of Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel Ltd. are expected to increase by 2% QoQ and 3% QoQ to Rs 646.6 billion and Rs 340.6 billion respectively led by healthy subscriber addition of 13.2 million, besides building gradual increase in average revenue per user growth (~1%QoQ). Due to falling competitive intensity, given weak financial position of peers, we maintain our positive stance on the sector. Maintain 'Accumulate' rating on Bharti Airtel with SOTP based target price of Rs 1,269 as we incorporate minor changes in our assumptions. Prabhudas Lilladher

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