

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

IAFI News

CPM Meeting at Dubai



Soon after the closing of the WRC-23 on 15th Dec, 2023, the international telecommunications community gathered in Dubai for CPM27-1, a two-day conference preparatory meeting for WRC-27 on December 18th and 19th, 2023. Hosted by the UAE's Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA), the meeting brought together delegates from around the world to organize the necessary studies for the upcoming WRC-27 and WRC-31, the key ITU conferences in future that will shape the future of radio spectrum allocation, impacting everything from satellite communications to mobile technology. The agenda for WRC-27 includes a wide range of topics, such as:

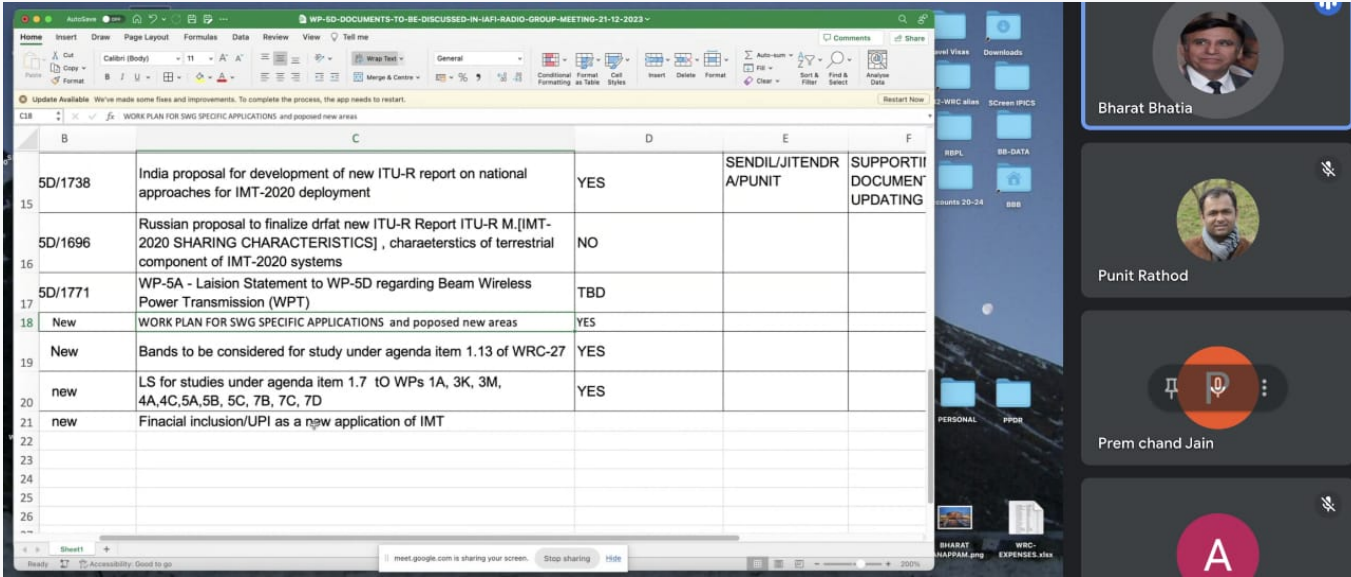
- Allocation of spectrum for new and emerging technologies, such as 5G and 6G including non-terrestrial networks (NTN) for promoting ubiquitous connectivity using NGSO satellites
- Management of satellite orbits and allocation of spectrum to satellite services
- Development of new technical standards for radio-communication systems
- Protection of radio-communication systems from interference

The CPM27-1 meeting proved an important step in preparing for WRC-27. It provided an opportunity for delegates to discuss the key issues that will be on the agenda and to start developing proposals for new regulations. Major key outcomes of the CPM27-1 meeting are:

- Agreement on the studies for various agenda items of WRC-27
- Assigning each WRC-27 agenda item to one or more responsible ITU working parties to study specific agenda items
- Assigning contributing ITU working parties to each WRC-27 agenda item.
- Development of a preliminary timetable for WRC-27 studies
- Assigning initial working parties to collect information about WRC-31 agenda items.

The CPM27-1 meeting was a successful first step in the preparations for WRC-27. The meeting was well-attended and productive and it laid the foundation for a successful WRC-27.

IAFI Radio Group meeting for WP-5D



On December 22nd, 2023, the IAFI Radio Group convened a meeting in the hybrid format to strategize and prepare contributions for the upcoming 45th WP-5D meeting. Members focused on identifying opportunities for IAFI to actively participate in the meeting, scheduled for January 31st to February 7th, 2024, in Geneva, Switzerland. Members discussed the outstanding issues of 44th WP-5D meeting and potential agenda items for the forthcoming 45th WP-5D. After a comprehensive deliberation, 10 key issues were identified by IAFI for contribution submissions, considering IAFI commitment for active participation in the upcoming meeting WP-5D meeting. Last date to submit the contribution in the upcoming WP-5D will be 23-01-2023.

Meeting arranged by TEC for the WTSA-24 preparations



IAFI participated in a meeting arranged by TEC, New Delhi, under the leadership of Sr DDG (TEC), for discussing the preparation for the pivotal World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2024 (WTSA-24), scheduled to be held from October 15 to October 24, 2024, in New Delhi, India. Meeting was attended by various key stakeholders from DoT, TEC, academia, and industry. The meeting commenced with a comprehensive presentation by Shri Avinash Agrawal, DDG (Standardization), TEC outlining the significance of WTSA-24 and India's potential contributions.

Main aim of the meeting was to finalize contributions from India for the forthcoming APT Preparatory Group meeting for WTSA-24 (APT WTSA-24-2), likely to be held from 05th to 06th February, 2024.

Mr. Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI actively participated in the discussions and agreed to contribute in more than 20 resolutions. IAFI expressed its full support to make WTSA-24 most successful, ensuring India's voice is heard loud and clear at this landmark event.

To solidify India's contributions to the upcoming APT WTSA-24-2 meeting, IAFI proposed a collaborative session on January 10, 2024, at CSOI, along with networking Lunch and Tea etc. Sr DDG (TEC) welcomed IAFI's proposal and thanked for the initiative to make WTSA-24 most successful event.

TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	status	Submission
Digital Transformation through 5G Ecosystem	26th Dec 2023	Under Development	-

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI preparatory Meetings
ITU-T: ITU Focus Group on Autonomous Networks (FG-AN)	18th Jan 2024	11th Jan 2024	-
ITU-T: First Inter-regional Meeting for WTSA-24 Preparation	18th Jan 2024	11th Jan 2024	-
ITU-R: Working Party 4B (WP 4B)	23rd Jan 2024	16th Jan 2024	-
ITU-T Third meeting of the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG)	22nd Jan - 26th Jan 2024	15th Jan 2024	-
ITU-R: Forty-fifth meeting of Working Party 5D	31st Jan - 7th Feb 2024	24th Jan 2024	12th Jan 2024
APT: The 32nd Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-32)	04th Mar - 8th Mar 2024	26th Feb 2024	-

Telecom Stories:



A bill allowing the government to temporarily take control of telecom services in the interest of national security, and providing a non-auction route for the allocation of satellite spectrum was approved by the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

The bill, which was passed by a voice vote, allows the Centre to take temporary possession of a telecom network in case of any public emergency or in the interest of public safety.



The Department of Telecommunication (DoT) will now be able to better process requests for spectrum allotment from a long list of government agencies as the Telecom Bill has specified the sectoral uses for which such allocation is allowed, officials said on Thursday.

Apart from satellite communication, 18 other sectors have been listed in the First Schedule of the Bill where administrative allocation will be mandatorily made. In many of these areas, there was no clear process for allocating spectrum, which often led to a lengthy application and evaluation process and disputes.



India has proposed a licensing approach to assigning spectrum for satellite internet services and exempt companies from having to bid for it, a win for Elon Musk's venture Starlink which has lobbied hard against any auctions.

The proposal was included in a new draft bill for the telecommunications sector, which seeks to replace the 138-year old Indian Telegraph Act that currently governs the sector. The bill was tabled for approval in parliament on Monday.

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