

# THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

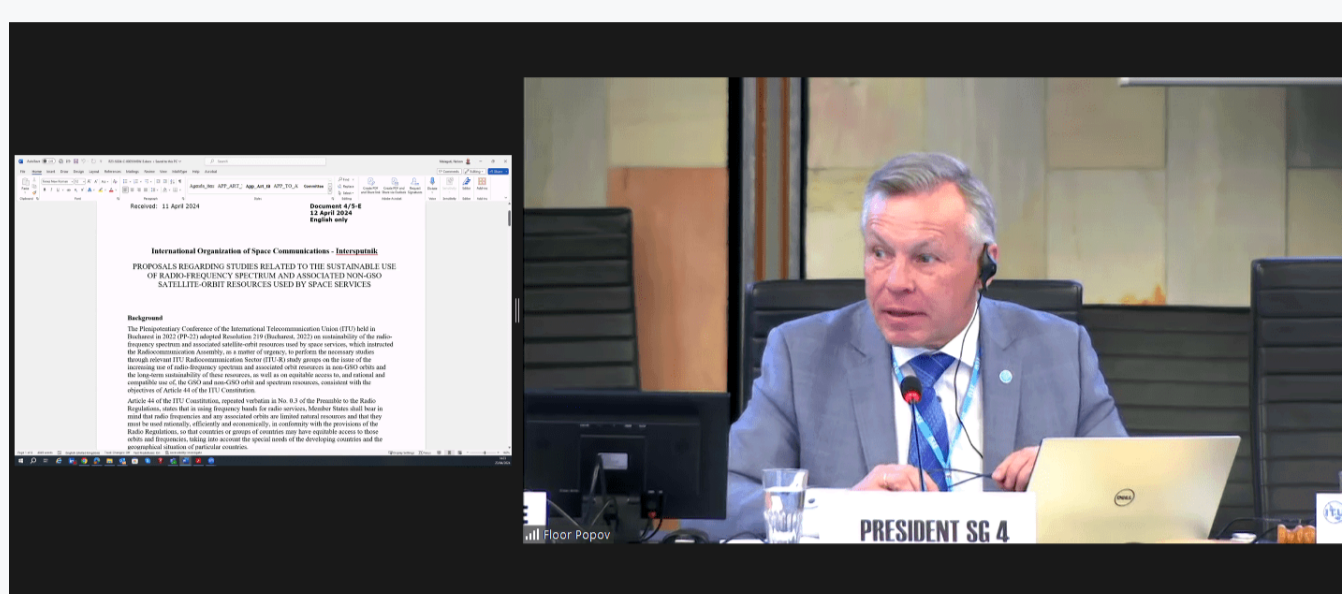
## IAFI News

### 10th Asia Pacific Spectrum Management Conference



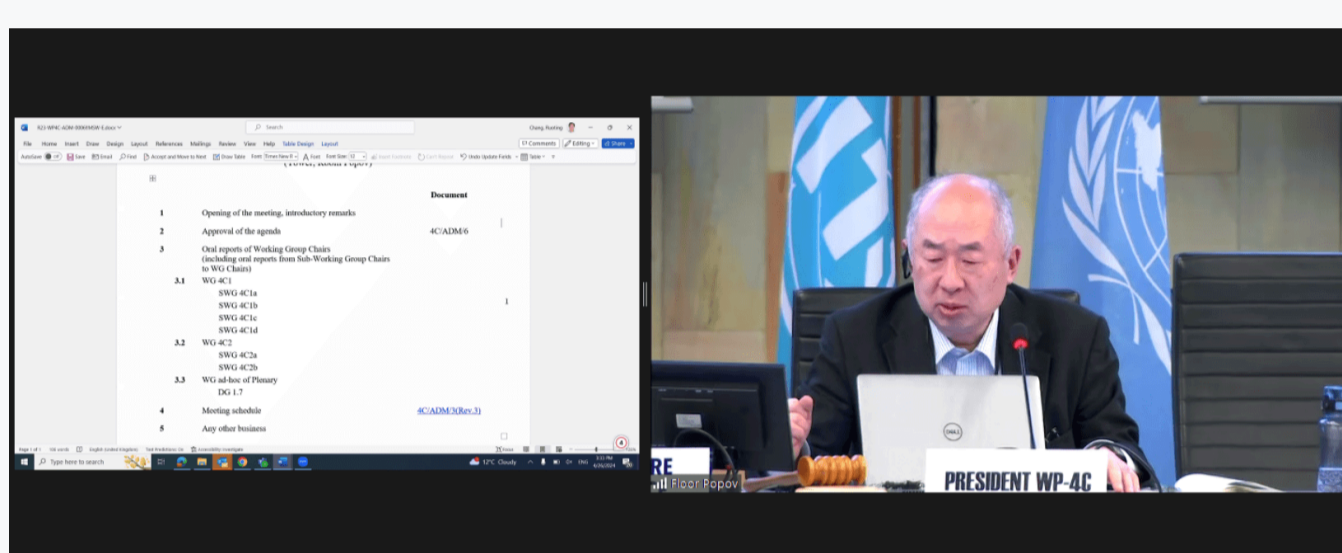
The 10th Asia-Pacific Spectrum Management Conference was held on 23-24 April, 2024 at in Jakarta, Indonesia. Event was jointly hoisted by Telkom University, Jakarta and the Ministry of Communications and Informatics, Indonesia, in a fully in-person format, focused on discussions around spectrum management for the Asia-Pacific region. This event was a part of The Global Spectrum Series organised annually by Forum Global. High-level participants from government, industry, and academia exchanged insights on critical issues and discussed key spectrum management challenges facing the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI participated as session moderator of the opening session on the outcomes of WRC-23. Shri Jitendra Singh, Vice President, IAFI presented on behalf of GSA, the global mobile suppliers association.

### Meeting Study Group-4 (Satellite Services) of ITU-R held at Geneva



First meeting of the ITU-R Study Group-4 (SG-4) of ITU-R was held on 23 April 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland in a hybrid mode. Study Group-4 is responsible for study issues regarding systems and networks for the fixed-satellite service, mobile-satellite service, broadcasting-satellite service and radio-determination-satellite service. IAFI members participated in the meeting in virtual mode. Being the first gathering of SG-4 since WRC-23/CPM-27-1 in Dubai (November-December 2023), the meeting focused on agenda items assigned to its working parties WP-4A, WP-4B, and WP-4C. Significantly, SG-4, with its 12 crucial agenda items assigned by CPM, emerged as the busiest working group within ITU-R.

### Meeting of Working Party - 4C under SG-4



Meeting of the Working Party - 4C (WP 4C) under SG-4 of ITU-R is underway from 24 th April, 2024 to 30th April, 2024 at Geneva, Switzerland in a hybrid mode. IAFI members participated in the meeting in virtual mode. WP-4C tackles efficient orbit and spectrum utilization for mobile-satellite services (MSS) and radio-determination satellite services (RDSS). 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. All 75 contributions submitted were discussed.

### IAFI comments on TRAI Consultation Paper regarding National Broadcasting Policy-2024



Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) released a Consultation Paper on 02-04-2024, for formulation of first National Broadcasting Policy-2024 and invited written comments from the stakeholders by 30.04.2024. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) vide letter dated 13th July 2023, inter-alia, informed TRAI that MIB is in the process of formulating a National Broadcasting Policy and requested TRAI to provide its considered inputs for formulation of the National Broadcasting Policy. India currently lacks a unified Broadcasting Policy, relying instead on a patchwork of regulations, licenses, and on-going directives issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB). Consultation Paper was examined and IAFI will submit its comments to TRAI.

### 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	02nd May 2024	Under Development

### Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
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
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 Jun 2024	24th May 2024
ITU-R: WPIA, 1B and 1C	12th - 09th June 2024	02nd June 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

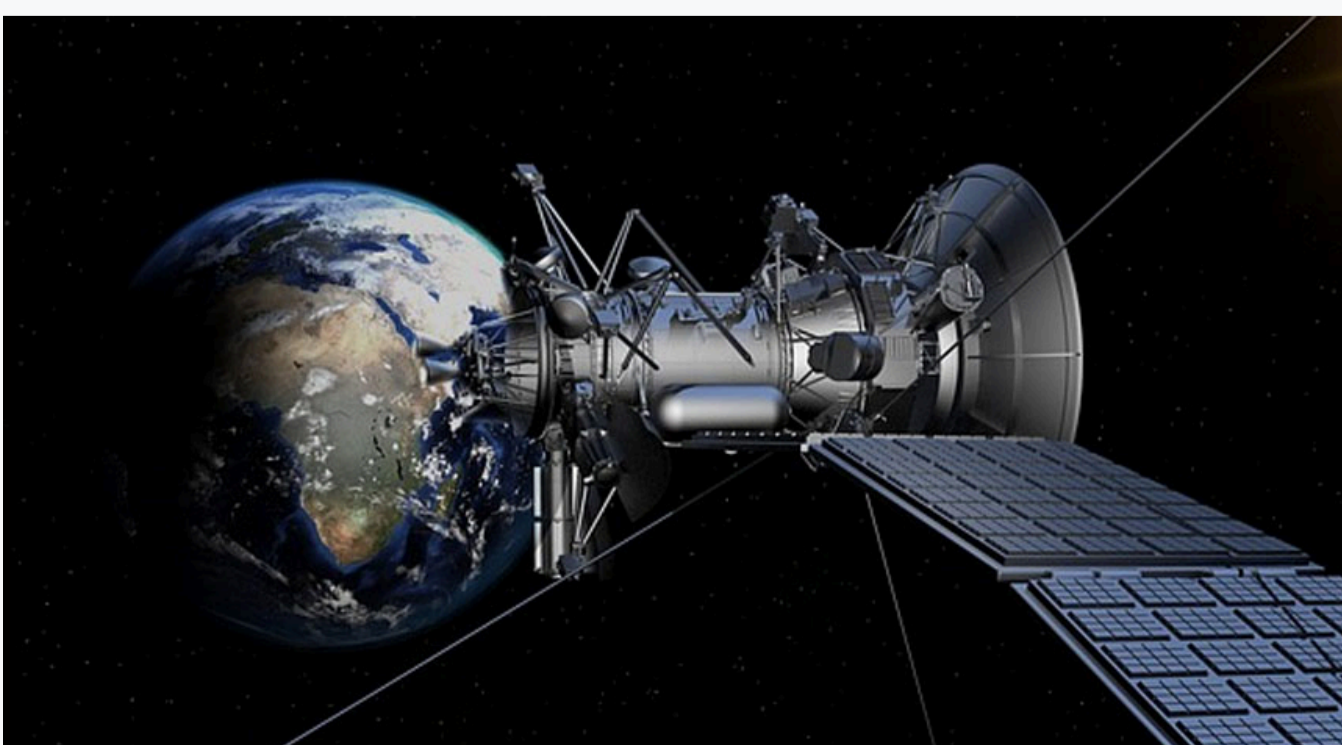
### Telecom Stories:



As India becomes the second nation in the world in terms of mobile manufacturing, the Apple ecosystem is now one of the leading employment generators in the sector, Union Railways and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Tuesday. Mobile manufacturing has been a leading force in job creation in the last 10 years, as the government aims to make India a global manufacturing hub. "In the ecosystem of Apple alone, more than 1.5 lakh people have got employment and there is good amount of growth. In the future, you will see even more exponential growth because people have faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to make India a global manufacturing hub," Ashwini Vaishnaw told IANS during an interaction.



As artificial intelligence (AI)-based synthetic content becomes a key concern during global elections, including in India, Union Railways and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Tuesday that a robust framework on AI is ready to deal with its misuse and public consultations on the framework will begin as soon as the new government is formed. Speaking to IANS, the Union Minister said that there has been a fruitful dialogue with the IT industry in recent months over the misuse of AI and how to stop it.



The telecom department will shortly approach sector regulator TRAI to seek its views on terms and modalities of spectrum allocation for satcom services on a 'fair to all' basis, ensuring a 'level playing field', according to a government source. The terms of reference are currently being worked out by the Department of Telecom, which will include aspects like what should be the frequencies, pricing, and licence terms and conditions from a security standpoint, the source added. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India floated a consultation paper on 'Assignment of Spectrum for Space-based Communication Services' on April 6,2023 , but returned the reference to the DoT after the announcement of the new Telecommunication Act.

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