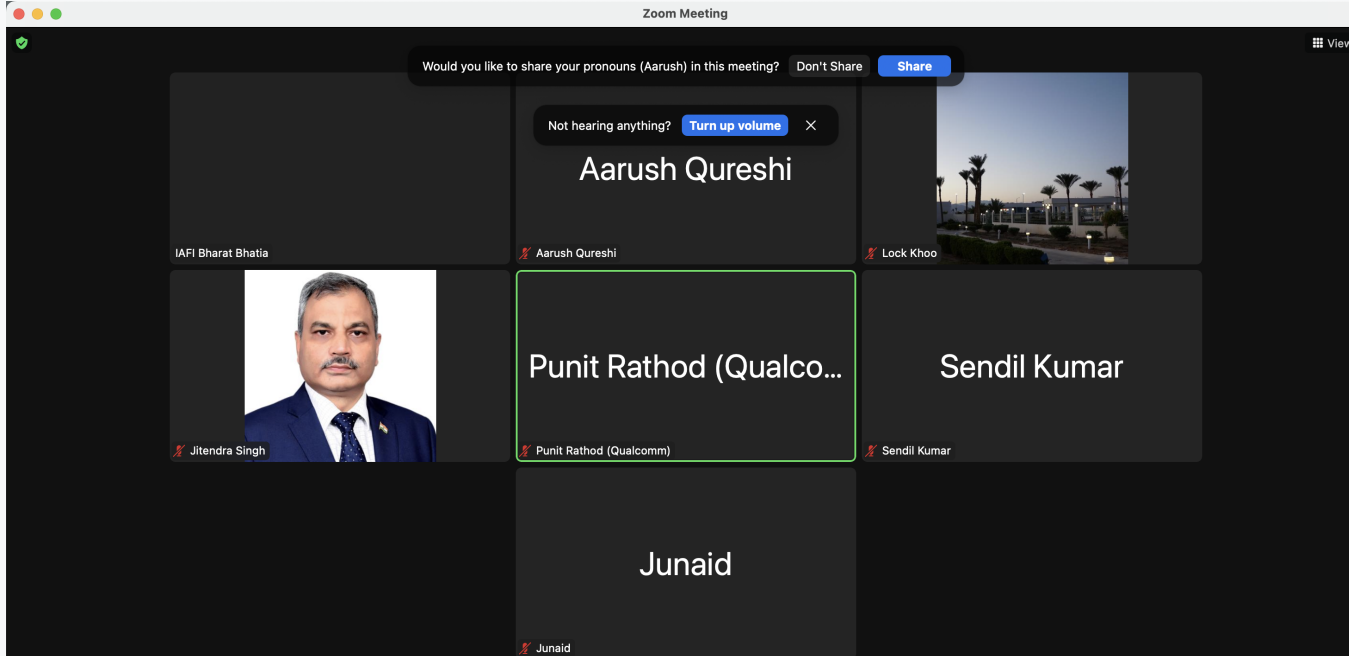# THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY
IAFI News

IAFI Radio Group Meeting for preparation for the upcoming WP-5D:

IAFI Radio Group meeting was held on 16-01-2024, in hybrid mode, to discuss the contributions to be submitted by IAFI in the upcoming 45 th WP-5D meeting, which is likely to be held from 31-01-2024 to 07-02-2024 at Geneva, Switzerland. Seven contributions were finalized and submitted to TSB for further necessary action. All contributions have been uploaded on the ITU website as detailed below.

The following is a list of the seven contributions:

Contribution No.	Issue covered
WP5D/05	Proposals for structure and working process of Working Party 5D towards RA-27 and WRC-27
WP5D/58	Proposed frequency arrangements under WRC-27 agenda item 1.13 - Selection of Frequency arrangements for studies on WRC-27 agenda item 1.13
WP5D/59	Draft liaison statement to ITU-R Working Parties 1B, 4A, 4C, 5A, 5B, 5C, 7B, 7C and 7D - Information for studies on WRC-27 agenda item 1.7
WP5D/60	Considerations on preliminary draft new Report ITU-R M.[IMT.ABOVE 100 GHZ]
WP5D/61	Proposal for a new ITU-R Report on IMT application for financial inclusion
WP5D/62	Unwanted emission characteristics of base stations using the terrestrial radio interface of IMT-2020
WP5D/63	Updates to working document towards a preliminary draft new Recommendation ITU-R M.[IMT-2020.UNWANT.MS]

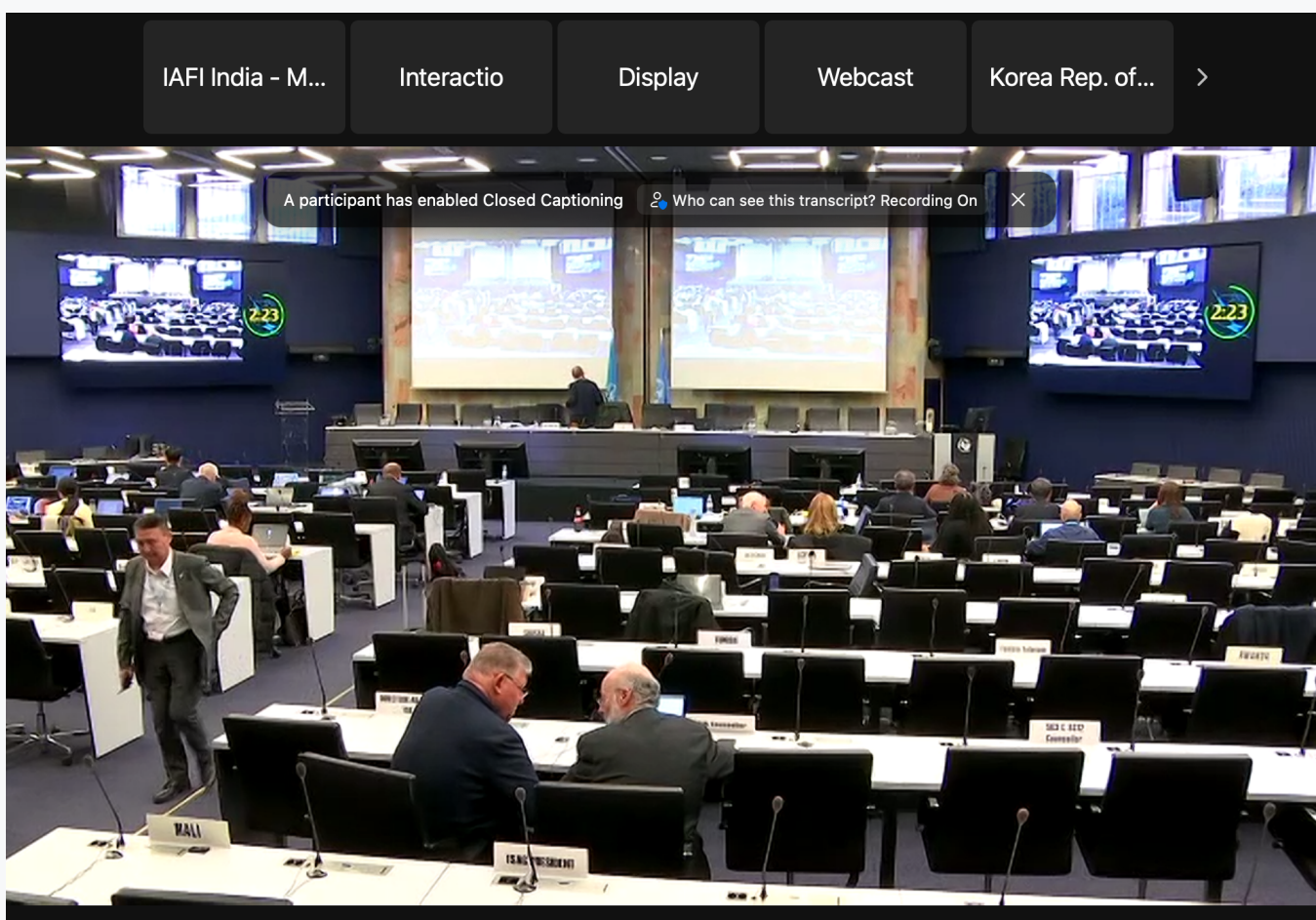**IAFI inputs to the APT WTSA-24 Preparatory Group meeting:**

IAFI and TEC collaborated for developing 16 input contributions for WTSA-24 on key resolutions. These contributions address diverse topics with the potential to significantly shape the future of telecommunications in the region. To ensure comprehensive representation, IAFI arranged the First National Preparatory Workshop on January 10th, 2024, at CSOI, KG Marg, New Delhi, in collaboration with TEC/DoT and other stakeholders. Earlier, it was decided that eight of these contributions would be submitted through TEC, maximizing their reach and impact, while the remaining eight would be directly submitted to APT, ensuring IAFI's distinct voice is heard. Subsequently, following an in-depth discussion with DoT, it was agreed that all contributions from IAFI would be submitted via TEC/DoT as official contributions representing India. A total 30 contributions were submitted by India to the forthcoming APT meeting and all contributions are now accessible on APT Web Portal. Out of 30 contributions, IAFI shared 15 contributions on different WTSA Resolutions and remaining 15 were developed by TEC (12 - old WTSA Resolutions and 3 - new resolutions). It may please be noted that the 2nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24 (WTSA-24-2) is scheduled to take place virtually from February 5 to February 6, 2024.

Brief about 31st Convergence India Expo:

The 31st Convergence India Expo was held from 17th to 19th January, 2024 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Shri T R Dua, Chairman, IAFI and Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI, were guest speakers at the Convergence India conference. Shri Bhatia covered the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in shaping the future of telecommunications during the session on "Artificial Intelligence (AI) - driven Telecom: The next decade's game changer for connectivity and customer experience." During his lecture, Shri Bhatia explained the critical significance of AI in mobile communication, emphasizing its role in network optimization, management of vast data volumes, and enhancing user experiences across a range of mobile applications. The audience was also briefed about the regulatory landscape concerning AI, highlighting the EU's pioneering efforts in crafting legislation, while emphasizing the rapid advancement of AI utilization in countries such as the USA and China. In the context of India, audience was informed that very recently Indian Government enacted new Indian Telecommunications Act, 2023, replacing out- dated Telecom Act of 1885, and sincere efforts are underway to formulate specific regulations governing AI in the near future.

ITU's Telecom Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG)

TSAG met in Geneva from 22 nd to 26 January. IAFI attended the meeting in Virtual mode. One of the key discussions at the TSGAG was about consolidation of ITU-T SG9 into SG 16 thus reducing the total number of study groups from 11 to 10.

TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	Status	Submission
Digital Transformation through 5G Ecosystem	22nd Jan 2024	SUBMITTED	File1

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI preparatory Meetings
ITU-R: Forty-fifth meeting of Working Party 5D	31st Jan - 07th Feb 2024	19th Jan 2024	-
APT: APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24 (APT WTSA 24- 2)	05th - 06th Feb 2024	29th Jan 2024	-
ITU-R: Radio Regulations Board (RRB)	04th - 08th Mar 2024	26th Feb 2024	-
APT: The 32nd Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-32)	04th - 08th Mar 2024	26th Feb 2024	-
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	-

Telecom Stories:

Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Electronics and Information Technology and Jal Shakti, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, virtually addressed the IESA Vision Summit 2024 which took place in Bengaluru today, highlighting the vision of the Shri Narendra Modi Government in the electronics manufacturing ecosystem. During his address, Minister Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar announced that the Government will soon launch Digital India futureLABS and establish the India Semiconductor Research Centre.

With a certain quantum of spectrum held by Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea due for renewal next month (at the end of 20-year lease period), the department of telecommunications (DoT) has sought Cabinet's approval for fresh allotment on administrative basis till the time auctions are conducted. The government needs at least 45 days to conduct auctions. The DoT is also seeking Cabinet's approval on holding the next spectrum auction, which it expects to conduct in March.

With incidents of honey trap and social engineering attacks on government employees on the rise, the Ministry of Home Affairs recently issued directions on how to tackle such incidents, including directing officials from staying away "from unknown dating sites", asking them to report to their seniors if any unknown individuals tries to contact them via social media platforms, and more. These are part of an internal office memorandum issued by the MHA earlier in January, as part of standard operating procedures government officials should follow for cybersecurity incidents. Moneycontrol has accessed a copy of the said office memorandum.