

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) 2nd Preparatory Workshop for WRC-27

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AGENDA

Monday April 07, 2025, Le Méridien Hotel, New Delhi, India

09:00 - 10:00 Registration and Networking

- Welcome and registration desk open
- Tea/Coffee for participants

10:00 - 10:45 Opening Ceremony

Welcome Address and Introduction to the Workshop:
Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI

Keynote Speeches

- Chief Guest: Shri Ritu Ranjan Mittar, Member, TRAI
- Guests of Honor: Shri Anand Khare, Member Services, Digital Communications Commission, DOT, India
- Prof Rajeev Shorey, Director, IIIT Surat
- Shri N K Bhola, Director, WMO, WPC, DOT
- Shri Ravi Gandhi, President, Chief of Public Policy & Regulatory, Reliance Jio
- Mr. Peng Zhao, Vice President, Policy & Regulatory, GSOA, UK
- Vote of Thanks: Prof. N K Goyal, Vice Chairman, IAFI

10:45 - 11:00 Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 - 11:30 Session 1: Spectrum for 6G: WRC-27 - Agenda 1.7

- Presentation on the status of studies under Agenda item 1.7 and prospects of 6G spectrum allocation at WRC-27
- Panel Discussion on the challenges and opportunities for 6G spectrum under Agenda item 1.7
- Q&A Session

Session Chair:

- Ms. Revathi Mannepalli, Joint Wireless Advisor to the Govt. of India and Member Radio Regulatory Board, ITU

Speakers:

- Dr. Punit Rathod, Lead Technical Standards, Qualcomm
- Mr. Stuart Cooke, Senior Director of Future Spectrum, GSMA

11:30 - 12:30 Session 1A: Panel Discussion on WRC-27 - Agenda Item 1.7

Moderator: Shri Vikram Tiwathia, Deputy Director General, COAI

Panelists:

- Dr. Sendil Kumar Devar, Director, Standards and Spectrum, Ericsson
- Shri RK Pathak, Director General, Bharat 6G Alliance
- Ms. J Sofi, Associate Director (Frequency Management), Satellite Communication Programme Office, ISRO HQ
- Shri Jitendra Singh, Vice Chairman, IAFI
- Shri Sachin Kumar, Assistant Wireless Advisor, WPC, DOT

12:30 - 13:30 Session 2: NGSO Satellite Regulations: WRC-27 - Agenda 1.5

- Presentations on potential approaches to resolve this agenda item
- Q&A Session

Session Chair: Dr. PK Jain, Director, IN-SPACe, Govt. of India

Speakers:

- Mr. Peng Zhao, Vice President, Policy & Regulatory, GSOA
- Ms. J Sofi, Associate Director (Frequency Management), Satellite Communication Programme Office, ISRO HQ
- Dr. Laura Roberti, Senior Director Spectrum and Market Access (Global) Telesat

13:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:30 Session 3: Satellite Direct to Device: WRC-27 Agenda Items 1.12, 1.13 and 1.14

- Presentations on the technology and regulatory considerations for satellite direct-to-device communications
- Discussion on the potential applications and impact on consumer connectivity
- Possibly approaches to resolve Agenda Items 1.12, 1.13 and 1.14
- Q&A Session

Session Chair: Shri Gulab Chand, Joint Wireless Advisor, WPC, DOT

Speakers:

- Ms. Sonali Nanda, Deputy Director, PMAD, IN-SPACe
- Mr. Cristian Gomez, Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs APAC, Viasat
- Shri Arun Aggarwal, DDG Satellite, DOT
- Shri H Rayappa, Director, Satellite Communication Programme Office ISRO

15:30 - 16:00 Tea/Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:00 Session 4: FSS Antenna Diameter and FSS/BSS downlink in 17 GHz: WRC-27 - Agenda Items 1.2 and 1.4

- Presentations on the current regulations and proposed changes to FSS (Fixed Satellite Service) antenna diameter (AI1.2)
- Presentation consideration for a possible new primary allocation to the FSS and BSS Downlink in the frequency band 17.3-17.7 GHz (AI1.4)
- Discussion on the technical and regulatory implications for satellite operators
- Q&A Session

Session Chair: Shri MPS Alawa, Joint Wireless Advisor, WPC, DOT

Speakers:

- Shri Nandan Patel, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs, Viasat
- Ms. Marta Donate Fuente, Vice President, Government Affairs and Policy, OneWeb
- Mr. Jose 'Pepe' Feu Vidal, Satellite Network Coordination Engineer, Project Kuiper, Amazon
- Shri Vinod Pandita, Senior Director Regulatory Affairs, Hughes

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17:00 – 17:45 Session 5: Other WRC-27 - Agenda Items

- Presentations on other WRC-27 Agenda Items
- Discussion on the technical and regulatory implications for satellite operators
- Q&A Session

Session Chair: Shri Viresh Goel, Joint Wireless Advisor, WPC, DOT

Speakers:

- Shri Munesh Kumar, Joint Wireless Advisor, WPC, DOT
- Shri Divya Oberoi, Associate Professor, National Centre for Radio Astrophysics
- Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI

17:45 – 18:00 Closing Ceremony and MOU signing between IAFI and TCCA

- Summary of key points discussed during the workshop
- Closing remarks by IAFI President
- Signing of MOU between IAFI and TCCA

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