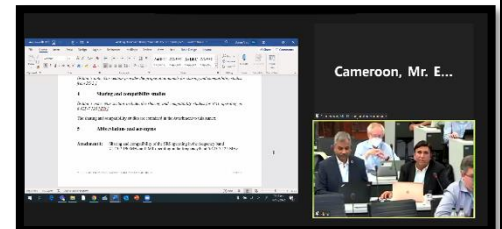


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Highlights of the week:

41st meeting WP5D started last week on 13th June 2022, IAFI President Mr. Bharat Bhatia is chairing the SWG Radio Aspects, along with Mr. Jitendra Singh (DG Chair) in the meeting. 5 contributions submitted by the IAFI have been presented in various groups by Mr. P K Garg , Mr. Bhatia, Mr. Teng Lock Khoo and Mr. Punit Rathod. Many IAFI members have been registered as delegates for the meetings and are actively participating in these meetings.



ITU-WTDC-Conference closing plenary took place on 16th June 2022. The conference focussed on setting the strategies and objectives for the development of telecommunication/ICT, providing future direction and guidance to the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D). WTDC welcomed 2,152 participants in total, representing 150 Member States and 340 Sector members and partners, with 1,304 delegates present in the Rwandan capital, and another 848 joining the meeting remotely. The focus of the event was 'Connecting the unconnected to achieve sustainable development'.



IAFI letter dated 3rd June on the importance of private 5G to the communications and industry ministers were delivered by hand on 6th June. Following this letter, the union cabinet meeting, which was to meet on 7th June to decide on the auctions, decided to defer the decision by one week and asked the DOT to reconsider their view on this subject. Finally the government has now announced approval of the dedicated spectrum for private 5G.



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Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Jun -Sept 2022)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU-R: WP 5D	13 th – 24 th June 2022	05 th June 2022	-
APT: SATRC Working Group	21 st - 23 rd June 2022	14 th June 2022	-
APT: PRF-22	19 th – 21 st July 2022	13 th July 2022	-
APT: APT PP22-4	01 st - 05 th August 2022	26 th July 2022	-
APT: APG23-4	15 th – 20 th Aug 2022	08 th August 2022	-
APT: AWG 30	05 th – 09 th Sept 2022	29 th August 2022	-

Telecom Stories:

The 5G ecosystem in India has become broader and deeper as technology companies. Shri. R K Saxena ji, Wireless Advisor to the Government of India in a dialogue with DD news stated that “5G will lead to improvements in ease-of-doing-business along with opening up of advancement of industries in terms of industry 4.0 and robotics in terms of medical field operations, 5G will bring India at par with the west once the auction process is complete”

With abolition of spectrum usage charge (SUC) on airwaves to be bought in the upcoming auction, telcos will get an effective cost reduction of 40%-50% in their annual payment to the government. Trai had recommended a reserve price of Rs 317 crore a unit for airwaves in the premium 3.3-3.67 GHz 5G band (also known as C-band). SUC paid by operators currently varies between 3-5% of adjusted gross revenue (AGR) depending on the year of acquisition and the 0% SUC will be a welcome relief to operators and enable a faster 5G rollout.

The government has barred its employees from using third-party virtual private network (VPN) and anonymisation services offered by companies such as Nord VPN, Express VPN and Tor. The mandate comes just days after Express VPN, Surfshark and Nord-VPN said they would quit offering their services in the country following a directive by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (Cert-In) on how VPN companies should operate in India.

