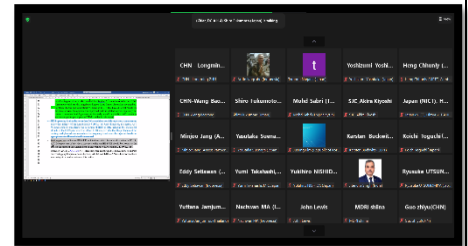


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Highlights of the week:

APG23-4 concluded on 20th August 2022, where the focus of the meeting was upon updating APT preliminary views on WRC-23 Agenda Items based on input contributions from APT Members & to review issues related to RA-23. Followed with a review of activities of other regional organisations, with a view to fostering inter-regional cooperation. The meeting was fruitful in nature. IAFI delegates along with DoT members actively participated in this meeting.

A Conference by Cuts International on Identifying Elements of Ethical and Regulatory Framework for 6G and Creating Opportunities for India and Australia took place on 17th August Wednesday. Mr. Bharat B Bhatia, President, IAFI was a session panellist for this workshop and emphasised on “regional bodies play an important role in ITU-WRC conferences as they are tasked to propose common papers for the UN body. 6G is going to be a game changer as we talk about Internet of Senses and cognitive networks. Other session Panellist included prof V Sridhar, Prof Jhunjunwala, Gen. Kochhar, Mr. Mahesh Uppal, Mr. Deepak Maheshwar &. Prof. NK Goyal.



Department of Telecommunication Consultation Paper under process:

Consultation Papers	Comments Date	IAFI Preparatory Meeting
New Legal Framework Governing Telecommunication in India	25 th August 2022	22 nd August 2022

Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Aug -Oct 2022)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
APT: PRFP-15	30 th - 01 st Sept 2022	24 th August 2022	-
APT: AWG 30	05 th - 09 th Sept 2022	29 th August 2022	25 th August 2022
ITU-R: 4A,4B,4C	07 th - 22 nd Sept 2022	30 th August 2022	-
APT: SATRC	20 th - 22 nd Sept 2022	13 th September 2022	-
ITU: PP-22	26 th Sept -14 th Oct 2022	19 th September 2022	-

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Telecom Stories:

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has allocated spectrum to telecom operators paving the way for launch of 5G services. The letters for spectrum assignment have been issued. With the assignment of frequencies, telecom operators can start the work for rolling out 5G networks. Telcos have already placed orders for buying telecom equipment and now will start distributing radios to the identified sites for 5G. Bharti Enterprises chairman Sunil Mittal has praised the government for issuing the 5G spectrum allocation letter along with E-band airwaves within hours of making its initial payment for spectrum acquired in the recent 5G sale. "Airtel paid Rs 8,312.4 cr towards spectrum dues and was provided the allocation letter for the designated frequency bands within hours...E band allocation was given along with spectrum as promised...in my over 30 years of first-hand experience with DoT, this is a first, business as it should be, leadership at work-right at the top and at the helm of telecom," Mittal said in a statement. Kudos to WPC wing and in particular the Wireless Advisor Mr. Saxena for such an efficient and timely issue of spectrum authorizations.



The government will set up expert groups to explore the adoption of common chargers for mobile and all portable electronic devices. Furthermore, it is believed that India can initially think of shifting two types of chargers, including a USB-C port. It is a complex issue but portable electronic devices like tablets should have a common charger. Each stakeholder has a different perspective leading to examining of issues separately.



The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has begun the process to auction the backhaul spectrum following the 5G spectrum auction's success. The DoT has invited the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to make advice in connection to the auction of the backhaul-related E-band and V-band spectrum. TRAI has been consulted by the DoT regarding pricing and various other procedures for auctioning E and V band. DoT has also emphasized that any unlicensed spectrum can only be used for indoor coverage, and that businesses must purchase the spectrum through an auction in order to utilise it for backhaul and outside mobility services.

