

## THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

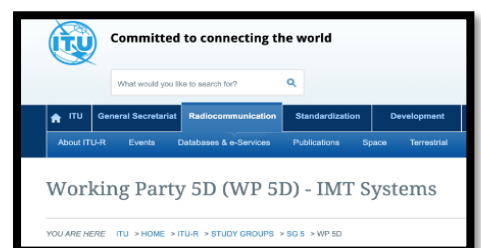
### Highlights of the week:

IAFI attended the ITU' Plenipotentiary Conference, PP-22, where elections for the organization's top management posts – Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, and Directors for Radiocommunication, Telecommunication Standardization, and Telecommunication Development – along with the 12-seat Radio Regulations Board and 48-seat ITU Council were held.

Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin of the United States of America was elected as next Secretary-General of the ITU. Mr. Tomas Lamanauskas of Lithuania as the next Deputy Secretary-General. Mr. Mario Maniewicz (Uruguay) was re-elected for his second term as Director of ITU's Radiocommunication Bureau, which is responsible for maintaining and implementing the Radio Regulations treaty that harmonizes international spectrum use and satellite orbits, and for developing the related technical standards. Mr. Seizo Onoe (Japan) was elected as Director of ITU's Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, which is responsible for developing international technical standards for telecommunication and ICT (information and communication technology) through a membership of governments, private companies, and technical experts from around the world. Mr. Cosmas Zavazava (Zimbabwe) was elected Director of ITU's Telecommunication Development Bureau, which is responsible for mobilizing global efforts to connect the unconnected through promoting equitable and inclusive digital development, upgrading infrastructure and capacity for developing countries, and initiatives to extend the benefits of technologies to all.

IAFI organised a dinner reception, hosted by Shri Devusinh Chauhan, Minister of State for Communications and Shri Rahul Shrivastava Ambassador of India to Romania India at the venue of PP-22 in Bucharest, Romania. The Dinner was organised to support Mrs. Revathi Mannepalli India's Candidate for Member, Radio Regulations Board of ITU and India's candidature for the ITU Council. The Indian delegation were Mr. R Shakya (DDG International Relations) & Ms. Aprajita Sharma (DDG Budget & Public Enterprise Finance) along with Mr. Bharat B Bhatia, President (IAFI) & Ms. Aarush, General Manager (IAFI). 5000 delegates from all around the world are participating in this meeting.

The Weekly IAFI Radio Group meeting concluded on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept for preparing contributions for the 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Working Party 5D. A total of 9 contributions have been developed. These include; IMT Multimedia, Update on Activities of Region 3, further update on resolution 56 and 65 of ITU-R, IMT- 2030 (6G) Vision , Sharing and compatibility studies of IMT (6GHz) etc. These documents have been finalised to be submitted and presented in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Working Party 5D meeting.



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### *Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Sept -Dec 2022)*

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU: PP-22	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept -14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	-
ITU-R: 5D	10 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2022	03 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022	-
APT: (WGMC-10)	07 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	01 <sup>st</sup> November 2022	-
APT: (MC-45)	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	07 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	-
APT: ADF-19	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	-
ITU-D: Study Group 1	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2022	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2022	-
ITU-D: Study Group 2	5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	-

### Telecom Stories:

The U.S. candidate Doreen Bogdan-Martin on Thursday decisively beat a Russian candidate to be the next Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union in an election seen as a test of how many countries are still siding with Russia. Bogdan-Martin won the election to be the next head the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) with 139 votes out of 172 cast, defeating Russia's Rashid Ismailov. The election that took place in Bucharest, Romania is seen as a key indicator of Western efforts to isolate Russia diplomatically at the U.N. amid signs that international resolve is fading more than seven months after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The government told the Supreme Court that the new data protection bill would be introduced in the Parliament soon. It indicated that the Bill may be tabled in the next (Winter) session. The Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 was withdrawn on August 3 after a Joint Committee of Parliament sought 81 changes and 12 major recommendations to it. The bill proposes restrictions on the use of personal information of people without their explicit consent. The items covered by the draft Bill included consent, personal data, exemptions that can be granted.

