

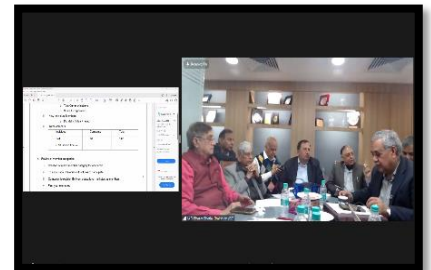
## THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

### Upcoming Workshop of IAFI

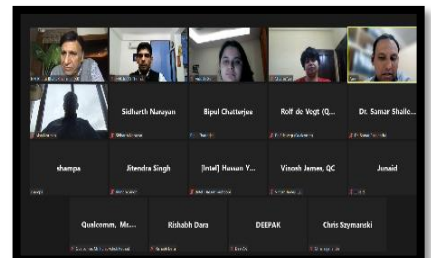


### Highlights of the week:

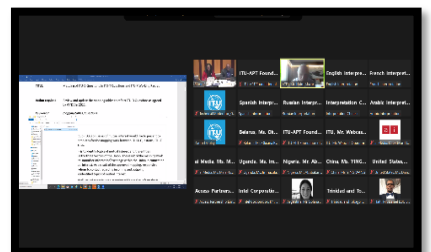
**15<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Council meeting of IAFI was held on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022. The EC approved two new corporate members i.e., Tata Communications and Shure Incorporated and one new individual member. The meeting also approved the creation of a new member category for academia along with a campaign to register eminent educational institutes as members. The EC also approved hosting of four events during 2023.



**IAFI Update on Wi-Fi 6GHz spectrum:** CUTS International along with IAFI is conducting a study on 6GHz consumer study in India to understand, examine, and highlight community and consumers, participation in governance, among others, to support community enablement. A zoom meeting of CUTS International among various stakeholders took place on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022 wherein CUTS presented various approaches for the understanding of consumer perspectives on the 6GHz band.



**ITU-D SG-1:** ITU-APT Foundation of India has presented the document in ITU-D SG-1. The context of the document was (Enabling environment for meaningful connectivity on accessing broadband services using Wi-Fi connectivity through Public Data Office) This meeting concluded on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022. The contribution was well accepted by the ITU-D. A focused approach was adopted by the study group for the people living in rural areas, to make available a broadband system for sustainable development of networks which will be incoming for chapters 1 & 2 of final report in the next ITU-D meetings.



**Forthcoming ITU-APT Meetings (Nov 2022-April 2023)**

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Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
<b>ITU-D: Study Group 2</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	-
<b>ITU-T: SG5</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	-
<b>ITU-R: WP5D, Geneva</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan- 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2023	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
<b>APG-23/4 (Busan, Korea)</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
<b>CPM WRC-23, Geneva</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> March to 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	-

### Telecom Stories:

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has directed all the mobile phone operators not to install any 5G sites in the 3,300-3,670 MHz band, or the C-band, within 2.1 kilometres of both ends of runway at all the airports in India, to avoid interference with aircraft radio frequencies. DoT further said 5G base stations can be installed in the periphery of 540 meters after this 2.1 kms range, but power emission must be limited to 58 dBm/MHz. The measures shall be adopted by the telecom service providers with immediate effect and would be applicable till the replacement of all aircraft radio altimeters filters is ensured by DGCA.

The government is scheduled to meet legal experts and academicians this week to get their feedback on the Draft Digital Data Protection (DPDP) bill of 2022. The closed-door meetings likely to be chaired by the Union electronics and information technology minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, is aimed at getting initial feedback from experts since the draft of the revised bill was released for public consultation on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2022. "The idea is to understand the first impressions and the major pain points so far, the government will also try to allay any fears that experts have raised so far on some contentious issues.

The Department of Consumer Affairs has formed a committee to set a timeline for the adoption of USB-C as the standard charging port for electronic products, including smartphones, tablets and laptops. mobile device makers and associations representing technology companies in India agreed to adopt USB Type-C as the standard charging port.

