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Highlights of the week:

Working Party 5D: The 43rd WP5D will take place from the 31st of January 2023 to the 9th of February 2023 at the head office of ITU in Geneva, Switzerland. A total of 13 contributions have been identified by the IAFI core team the work has been initiated on these with the help of core members and stakeholders. These documents include; IMT Multimedia, IMT Applications, further update on resolution 65 of ITU-R IMT- Vision Document, etc. Interested participants can still send their nominations, and the same will be approved by IAFI.

APG23-5: Preparatory meetings regarding the discussions on WRC-23 agenda items in preparations for NPC-23 and APG23-5 meetings have been initiated by IAFI. IAFI has also circulated a PowerPoint Presentation amongst the Weekly Radio Group members to gather views and incorporate them accordingly. Furthermore, WPC is also holding meetings working groups of NPC: WG-1 (Terrestrial Services) on 6th January 23, WG-2 (Aeronautical and Maritime) on 3rd January 23, WG-3 (science issues) on 29th December 22, WG-4 (Satellite Issues) on 28th December 22 and WG-5 (General Issues) on 5th January 23 to prepare for the APG-23/5.



Forthcoming ITU-APT Meetings (Jan 2023-April 2023)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU-T: Standardization Prog Coordination Group (SPCG)	24 th January 2023	17 th January 2023	-
ITU-R: WP5D, Geneva	31 st January - 9 th February 2023	24 th January 2022	5 th January 2022
APT: SATRC Workshop on Spectrum	31 st January 2023 – 2 nd February 2023	5 th January 2023	-
APT: APG-23/5 (Busan, Korea)	20 th – 25 th February 2023	13 th February 2023	5 th January 2022
ITU-R: CPM WRC-23, Geneva	27 th March to 6 th April 2023	20 th March 2023	-

Telecom Stories:

Incumbent Telecom Carriers asked the government to identify and release 6 GHz spectrum band for fifth generation or 5G Services expansion. In a letter to the telecom secretary stating that 6 GHz band

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will be the only and key mid band spectrum for 5G expansion to cater to the increasing demand from consumers and enterprises. In India 6 GHz is partly used for satellite operations by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) that a co-existence between 5G and other use cases is possible in the band basis multiple studies, and added that the FS links which are limited to lower 6 GHz band (5925–6425 MHz) in India and deployed at known locations, a national-level coordination is possible between IMT and FS.

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) constituted multi-member task forces primarily for the development of high-volume chipsets, ensuring components ecosystem and overcoming supply chain challenges. The Development comes close on the heels of a high-level dialogue between top industry executives with Minister of Communications, IT and Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw to review the progress under the production-linked incentive scheme. The 12-member task force will study the potential high-volume chipset required by telecom equipment manufacturing companies, as well as map local demand and requirements worldwide.

Delhi Lt. Governor V K Saxena has approved notification of the “Right to Way (RoW) Policy, which is crucial for digitization, telephony and smooth rollout of 5G Services in the national capital. To be mandatorily framed in compliance with the Indian Telegraph Rules, 2016 meant to facilitate implementation of the National Broadband Mission, the policy remained stuck since 2020. Considering the forthcoming G20 summit and that the rollout of 5G is in the advanced stages.

