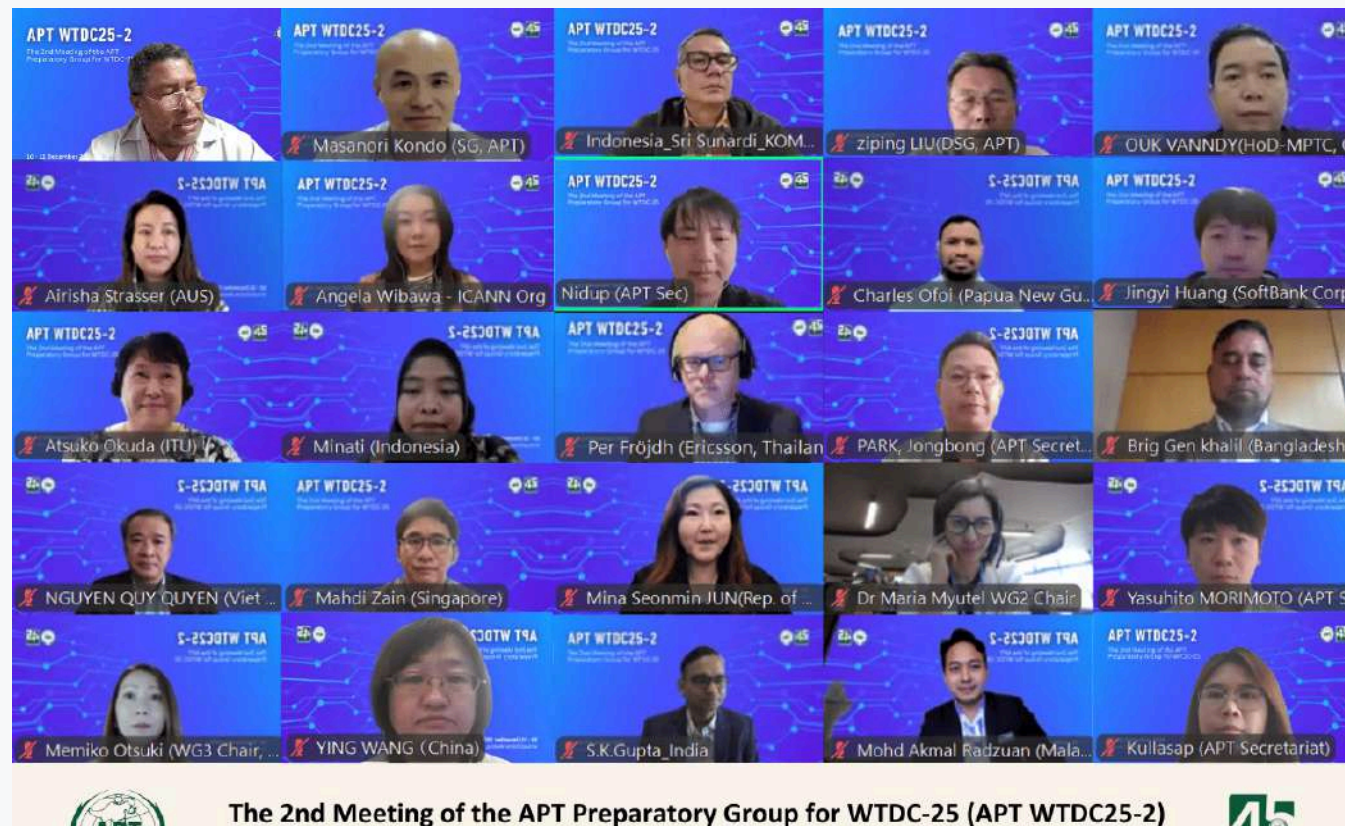


# THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

## IAFI News

### ITU-D Secretariate meeting for the preparation of WTDC-25

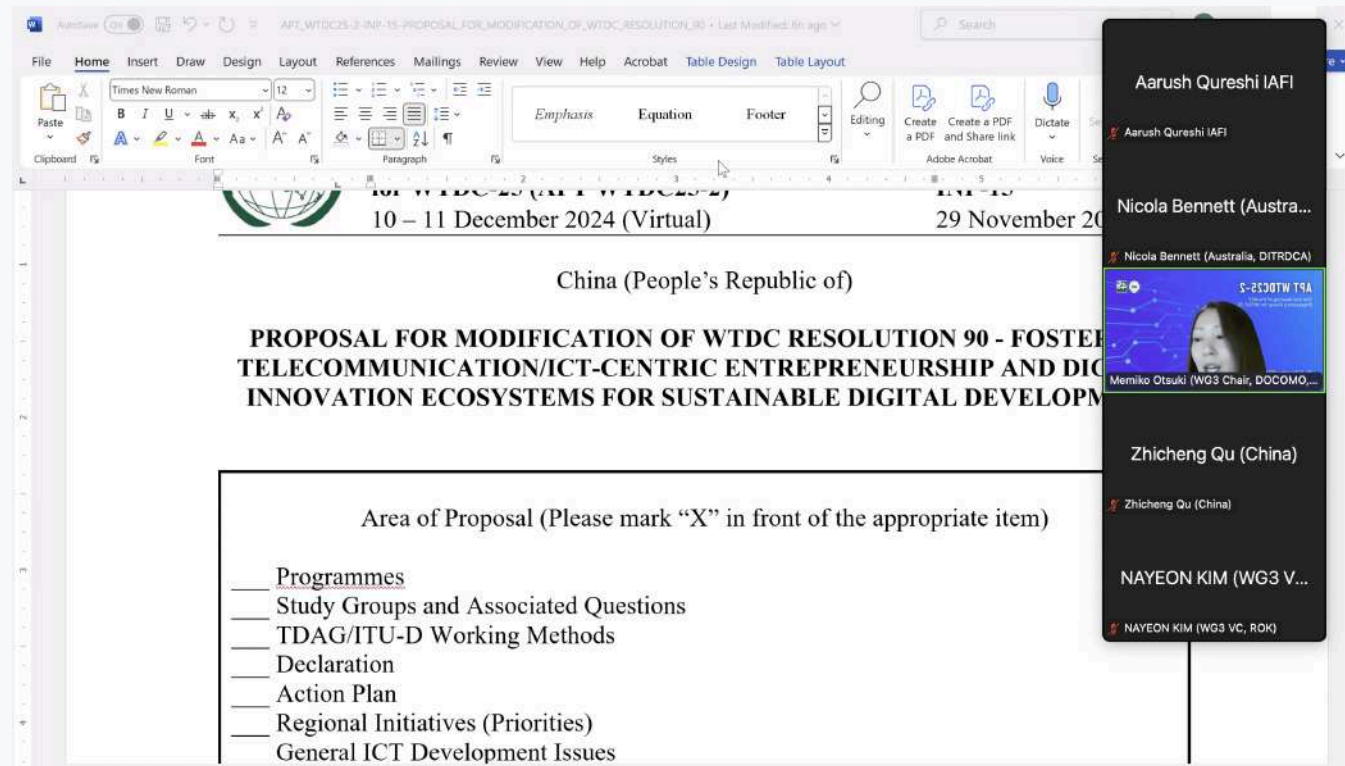


A number of ITU and regional preparatory activities for the 2025 World Telecom Development Conference 2025 (WTDC-25), that will take place at Baku, Azerbaijan from 17 to 28 Nov, 2025 have already started.

ITU-D Secretariat on behalf of SG-1 and 2 Chairs organized a virtual meeting on 09-12-2024 to share information on preparations for WTDC-25 and to receive feedback from the November 2024 SGs meetings. Proposed agenda of the meeting was to discuss regarding the preparations for WTDC-25, dates of RDFS/RPMs/IRMs and updates of TDAG WG-future SGQ. It was informed that 4th TDAG WG-future SGQ meeting will be held on 21st Jan, 2025 and extra TDAG meeting will be held on 23rd Jan, 2025. It was further informed in the meeting that RDF (Regional Development Forum) and RPM (Regional Preparatory Meeting) for regional group for ARB will be held from 03-05 Feb, 2025 at Jordan; for EUR from 24-26 Feb 2025 at Hungary; for ASP from 19-21 Mar 2025 at Thailand; for AFR from 07-09 Apr, 2025 at Kenya and for CIS from 23-25 Apr, 2025 at Kyrgyzstan.

5th TDAG WG-future SGQ meeting will be held on 04th Mar, 2025 and SG-1 & 2/ITU-D meeting will be held from 28 Apr to 02 May, 2025 and 05-09 May, 2025 respectively. Final TDAG-25 meeting will be held from 12-16 May, 2025. First IRM (Inter Regional Meeting) will be held from 14-15 July, 2025 and 2nd IRM will be held from 29-30 Sept, 2025.

### The 2nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 (APT WTDC-25-2)



The 47th Session of the APT Management Committee decided to establish the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 (APT WTDC-25) to assist APT Members to prepare for a World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025 (WTDC-25) in coordinating issues of regional interest and preparing coordinated regional contributions to the Conference, as the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25) will be hosted by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, at Baku from 17-28 November 2025.

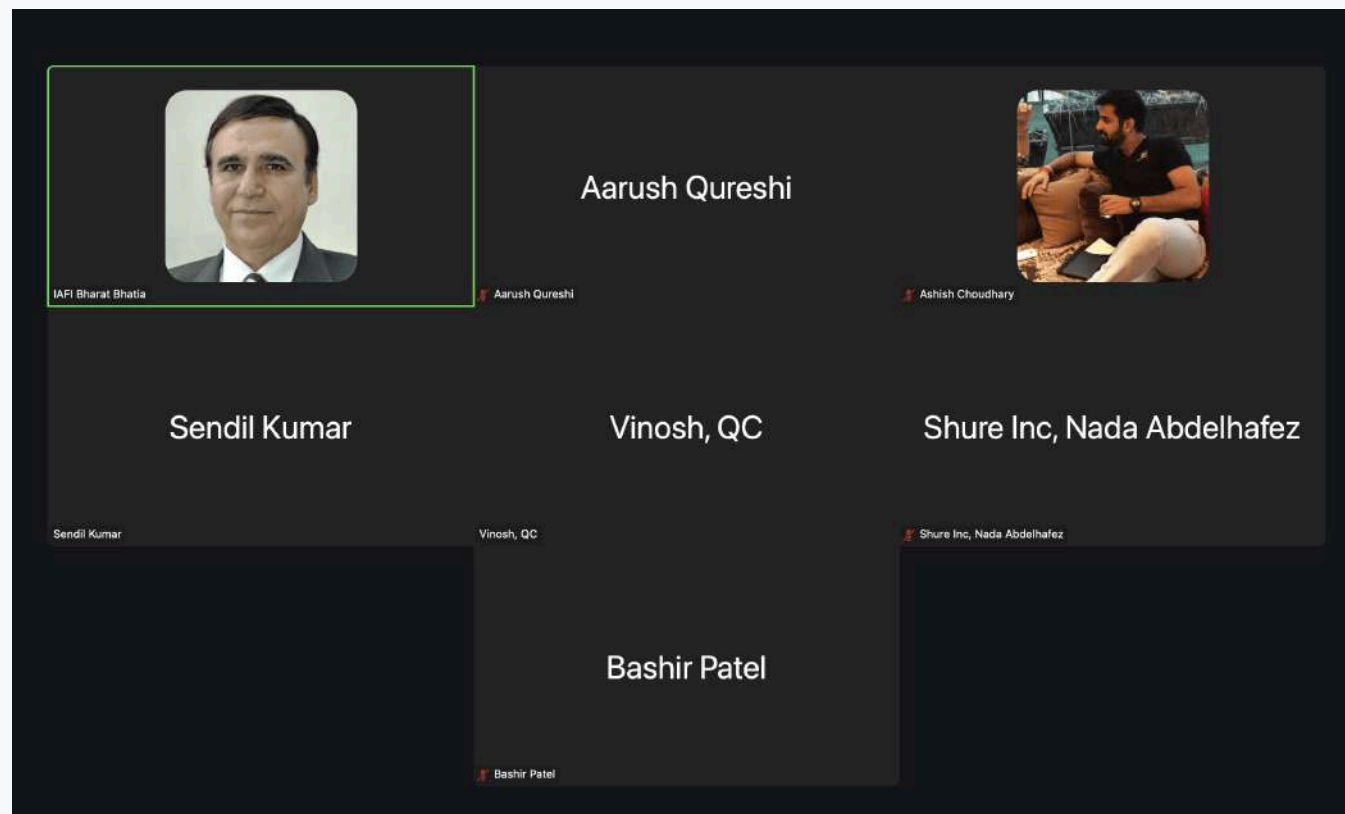
The main objectives of APT-WTDC-25 are –

1. To assist APT members to prepare for World Telecommunication Development Conferences in coordinating issues of regional interest and the submission of regional contributions to the Conference.
2. To develop proposals from APT members that considers the interest of the Asia-Pacific region as inputs for WTDCs.
3. To assist APT members during the WTDC.

Structure of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 was established at the 1st Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 (APT WTDC-25-1). Three Working Groups (WG-1, 2 & 3) were created under APT-WTDC-25. 2nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference (APT WTDC-25-2) was held virtually from 10 to 11 December 2024. The objective of the APT WTDC-25-2 was to assist APT members to prepare for the WTDC-25. Meeting was attended by 125 participants. Total 11 input contributions (2 by WG1, 6 by WG2 and 3 by WG3) were discussed in the meeting. Out of 11 contributions, 7 contributions were submitted by China, 2 by Iran, 1 by Korea and 1 by Vietnam.

The 3rd meeting of the APT-WTDC-25-3 will be held from 17-19 March, 2025 at Bangkok, Thailand in hybrid mode. IAFI members desiring to participate in the meeting may contact the secretariat.

### IAFI Radio Group Meeting – 12-12-2024



The IAFI Radio Group meeting was convened on 12th Dec, 2024, in hybrid format, to review the preparations for WP-5D meeting, and to review the contributions already prepared and finalize remaining topics, on which IAFI can submit contributions in the upcoming meetings of the Working Party 5D (WP-5D) of ITU-R, tentatively scheduled for 04-13 February, 2025. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI chaired the meeting. Total four preliminarily developed contributions were discussed in the meeting and remaining issues were identified for submission. It was decided to hold next meeting on 19th Dec, 2024 at 1200 Hrs. It may be noted that the deadline for submission of the contribution to WP-5D is 23-01-2025. The Schedule of Radio group meetings to finalize the IAFI contributions is given below. Please contact the secretariat to join these meetings.

Meeting	Dates	Activity
First Prep Meeting	27-11-2024	Initial list prepared
2nd Prep Meeting	12-12-2024	Documents drafts assigned
3rd Prep Meeting	19-12-2024	Initial drafts discussed
4th Prep Meeting	09-01-2025	Final drafts to be considered
5th Prep Meeting	16-01-2025	Contributions finalized and approved

### DoT is working for the best possible solution for the use of 6GHz spectrum band



Shri Neeraj Mittal, Secretary, DoT told ET Telecom that the department is aware about the need or demand of 6GHz spectrum for both Wi-Fi and mobile services and DoT is working with all stakeholders to find an optimal and best possible solution. He further said that the department is working aggressively on curbing cellular spam calls originating from multiple overseas destinations. DoT has taken the initiative for prevention of international spoof calls. These will be further strengthened. The telecom service providers are also taking their own initiative in this direction.

### Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU:T SG20 - Internet of Things, digital twins and smart sustainable cities and communities	15th - 24th Jan 2024	03rd Jan 2024	-
ITU:T ITU Workshop on "Future video coding – advanced signal processing, AI and standards"	17th Jan 2024	05th Jan 2024	-
ITU-D Extra-ordinary Meeting of the TDAG	23rd Jan 2025	11th Jan 2025	-
APT: SATRC Workshop on Spectrum	21st - 23rd Jan 2025	11th Jan 2025	-
ITU:R Working Party 5D (WP 5D)	04th - 13rd Feb 2025	24th Jan 2025	19th Dec 2024
ITU:T SG3 Regional Party for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO)	10th Feb 2025	30th Jan 2025	-
ITU:R Working Party 6C (WP 6C) - Programme production and quality assessment	03rd - 07th Mar 2025	22nd Feb 2025	-
ITU:T SG13 - Future networks and emerging network technologies	03rd - 14th Mar 2025	22nd Feb 2025	-
ITU:R Working Party 6A (WP 6A) - Terrestrial broadcasting delivery	05th - 12th Mar 2025	24th Feb 2025	-
ITU:R Working Party 6B (WP 6B) - Broadcast service assembly and access	10th - 13th Mar 2025	28th Feb 2025	-
ITU:R Study Group 6 (SG 6)	14th Mar 2025	02nd Mar 2025	-
ITU:R Working Party 7B (WP 7B) - Space radiocommunication applications	17th - 26th Mar 2025	05th Mar 2025	-
ITU:R Working Party 7C (WP 7C) - Remote sensing systems	17th - 26th Mar 2025	05th Mar 2025	-
ITU:R Working Party 7D (WP 7D) - Radio astronomy	17th - 26th Mar 2025	05th Mar 2025	-
ITU:R Radio Regulations Board (RRB)	17th - 21st Mar 2025	05th Mar 2025	-
APT: The 3rd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 (APT WTDC25-3)	17th - 18th Mar 2025	07th Mar 2025	-
ITU:D Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia & Pacific for WTDC-25	20th - 21st Mar 2025	08th Mar 2025	-

### Telecom Stories:



Union Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Friday asserted that satellite spectrum allocation will not be assigned on a first come first serve basis — the contentious way through which radio waves were allotted for 2G services. While speaking at the India Economic Conclave, the minister said that it is not possible to auction spectrum for satellite service due to the science associated with it and no country has auctioned the radio waves for the same.



NEW DELHI: The ambitious production-linked incentive or PLI scheme, launched by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) created as many as 25,359 new jobs, and facilitated equipment sales worth Rs 68,708 Crores. The department is working on strengthening initiative to curtail spoof calls, originating from overseas, and is driving proliferation of fifth generation (5G) use cases to support telecom carriers. In an interaction with ET Telecom's Muntazir Abbas, Telecom Secretary & Chairman, Digital Communications Commission (DCC), Neeraj Mittal talks on efforts to curb spam calls, 6GHz band controversy, relevant 5G use cases, PLI scheme, and telecom technology development fund (TTDF). Edited excerpts.



India is about to join an elite group of countries with quantum satellite capabilities, securing communication networks against hacking and cyber attacks. The satellite will play a key role in the larger quantum communications network under the National Quantum Mission (NQM). Ajai Chowdhry, Co-founder of HCL and Chairman of the Mission Governing Board for the National Quantum Mission (NQM), told businessline, "Satellite-based communication will be required for securing country-wide or international communication. The Department of Space is planning to launch a quantum satellite in 2-3 years for quantum communications."

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