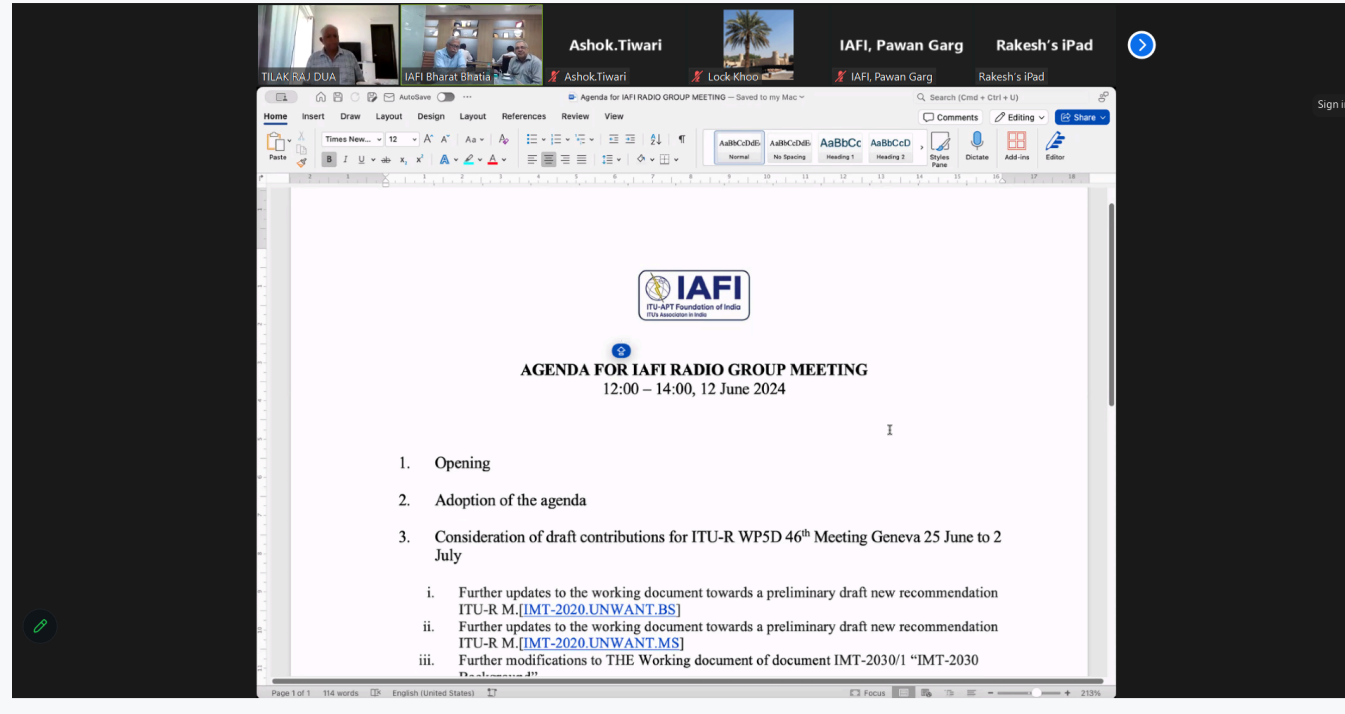


# THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

## IAFI News

### IAFI Radio Group Meeting for 46th WP-5D preparations - IAFI submitted four contributions to WP-5D



The IAFI Radio Group meeting was convened on 12th June, 2024 under the chairmanship of Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI, in a hybrid, to review and finalize the contributions to be submitted in the upcoming 46th WP-5D meeting. Following four contributions were discussed in the meeting.

- Working document towards a preliminary draft new recommendation ITU-R M. [IMT-2020.UNWANT.BS] - Unwanted emission characteristics of base stations using the terrestrial radio interface of IMT-2020.
- Working document towards a preliminary draft new recommendation ITU-R M. [IMT-2020.UNWANT.MS] - Unwanted emission characteristics of mobile stations using the terrestrial radio interface of IMT-2020.
- Technical aspects of TDD Technology for connectivity between space station and IMT user equipment for use in the proposed reply liaison statement to Working Party – 4C regarding WRC-27 Agenda Item 1.13.
- Further modifications in the working document Annex- 3.5 of WP-5D/77 IMT-2030/1 - "IMT-2030 Background"

All submitted contributions were thoroughly reviewed, and suggested revisions from team members have been incorporated before submission on 13th

IAFI submitted above mentioned four contributions on 13-06-2024, for the upcoming 46th WP-5D meeting, likely to be held from 25-06-2024 to 02-07-2024, at Geneva, Switzerland. It is the second WP-5D meeting after WRC-23/CPM-27-1. 45th meeting of WP-5D was held from 31st Jan to 07th Feb, 2024 at Geneva, Switzerland.

Doc Number WP5D	Title	Contributor
[ 191 ]	Further modifications to the working document of Document IMT-2030/1 "IMT-2030 background"	IAFI
[ 190 ]	Technical aspects of TDD technology for connectivity between space station and IMT user equipment for use in the proposed reply liaison statement to Working Party 4C regarding WRC-27 agenda item 1.13	IAFI
[ 189 ]	Propose updates to working Document ITU-R M.[IMT-2020.UNWANT.MS]	IAFI
[ 188 ]	Further updates to the working document towards a preliminary draft new Recommendation ITU-R M.[IMT-2020.UNWANT.BS]	IAFI

### The 4th Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WTSa-24 (APT WTSa24-4)



Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) will organize the 4th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTSa-24 (APT WTSa24-4) from 25 to 28 June 2024 in Adelaide, Australia with physical attendance as well as virtual/online participation through Zoom meeting (i.e. hybrid meeting). The Meeting will be organized by the APT and co-hosted by the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts. The objective of APT WTSa24-4 is to assist the APT members to prepare for the ITU World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2024 (WTSa-24) which will take place in New Delhi, India from 15 to 24 October 2024. APT WTSa24-4 will discuss the issues to be identified for WTSa-24 and develop Preliminary APT Common Proposal (PACP) on those issues based on the input contributions from the APT members.

As requested by Shri Avinash Agrawal, DDG, TEC, following three WTSa Resolutions – 20, 68 and 75 were amended and re-submitted.

- Resolution – 20 – Regarding procedures for allocation and management of international telecommunication numbering, naming, addressing and identification (NNAI) resources.
- Resolution -68 – regarding evolving role of industry in the ITU –T sector.
- Resolution -75 – regarding the ITU-T sector's contribution in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), taking into account the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

### Joining of New Ministers



Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia has been recently appointed as the Union Minister of Communications, and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Government of India. Shri Scindia, Hon'ble MoC, is a six-term Member of Parliament, which includes five terms in the Lok Sabha (2002-04, 2004-09, 2009-14, 2014-19, 2024-2029), and one term in the Rajya Sabha (2020-2024) from Madhya Pradesh. From 2007-2009, Shri Scindia served as the Minister of State for Telecommunications, Posts and IT; from 2009-2012 as the Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, and then, from 2012-2014 as Minister of Power (Independent Charge) and from 2021 to 2024, as Union Minister of Civil Aviation and Steel.

Shri Scindia completed his schooling from the Doon School, Dehradun. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Harvard University, USA and an MBA degree from the Graduate School of Business, Stanford University, USA. He also worked at the United Nations. As the new telecommunications minister, his responsibilities will encompass notifying rules for the Telecommunications Bill and framing satellite spectrum guidelines. However, his immediate focus will likely be on ensuring the successful execution of the upcoming spectrum auction scheduled for June 25.

Shri Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani has been appointed as the Minister of State for Communications, replacing Shri Devisinh Chauhan. He has also been appointed the Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development.

Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, who was working as minister of Communications, Electronics & IT and Railways in the outgoing government, retained the ministries of Electronics and IT and Railways. Now, he has been given additional charge of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry. Shri Jain Prasad has been appointed as the Minister of State for Electronics and IT, succeeding the outgoing MoS Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar.

### Extension of Spectrum Auction date by DoT



The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has rescheduled the spectrum auction, shifting the commencement date from June 6 to June 25. This auction, spanning eight spectrum bands and valued at a base price of Rs 96,317 crore, will see participation from major telecom players like Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea, with Jio leading in earnest money deposits. The spectrum on offer encompasses all available frequencies in the 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1,800 MHz, 2,100 MHz, 2,300 MHz, 2,500 MHz, 3,300 MHz, and 26 GHz bands. Successful bidders will receive a 20-year spectrum assignment with the flexibility to make payments in 20 equal annual installments. Furthermore, the DoT has introduced a provision allowing bidders to surrender the acquired spectrum after a minimum holding period of 10 years.

Reliance Jio, with its earnest money deposit (EMD) of Rs 3,000 crore, has secured the highest bidding capacity in the upcoming spectrum auction, enabling it to potentially acquire the largest share of radio waves. Bharti Airtel follows with a deposit of Rs 1,050 crore, while Vodafone Idea (VIL) has submitted Rs 300 crore. These EMD amounts directly correlate to the bidding points allocated to each company, determining their eligibility to bid for a specific number of circles and the quantity of spectrum they can secure.

### TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	Status
Revision of National Numbering Plan	04th July 2023	Under Development

### Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-R: WP1A, 1B and 1C	12th - 19th June 2024	02nd June 2024
ITU: Focus Group on metaverse (FG-MV)	12th - 13rd June 2024	02nd June 2024
APT: 4th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTSa-24 (APT WTSa24-4)	25th - 28th June 2024	15th June 2024
ITU-R: Working Party 5D (WP 5D)	25th June - 02nd July 2024	15th June 2024
ITU-T SG15 - Networks, technologies and infrastructures for transport, access and home	01st July - 12th July 2024	21st June 2024
APT: The 24th APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF-24)	16th July - 17th July 2024	06th July 2024
APT: 1st Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 (APT WTDC25-1)	19th July 2024	09th July 2024
APT: The 5th Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WTSa-24 (APT WTSa24-5)	19th Aug 23rd Aug 2024	09th Aug 2024

### Telecom Stories:



As he embarks on a visit to Italy to attend an Outreach session at the G7 summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said his focus would be on artificial intelligence apart from energy, Africa, and the Mediterranean. Modi said this in a departure statement before leaving for the European nation in his first foreign trip after becoming prime minister for a third term. The prime minister said issues crucial for the Global South will also be deliberated upon at the Outreach session. The prime minister said he was glad that his first visit in the third consecutive term is to Italy for the G-7 Summit.



The newly appointed Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia's first task as the Minister of the department is to make the upcoming spectrum auction a successful one, especially with telecom operators looking at expansion of 5G across India and renewal of their existing licences. The spectrum auction is expected to bring in cash flows in the first half of the current fiscal to the Modi 3.0 government, which will be an important milestone for Scindia too. According to sources in the know, Scindia took a long meeting with the senior officials of Department of Telecommunications (DoT) including Secretary, Member (Finance) and Member (Technology) on Tuesday, soon after taking his office as the new Telecom Minister.



New Delhi: Drafting of rules under the data protection legislation is in advanced stage with industry-wide consultations slated soon, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said on Saturday, asserting that India will also look at doubling electronics production and adding jobs under the Modi 3.0 government. At the same time, the Minister for Electronics and IT assured that regulatory work will see "good continuity" and that the agenda on digital regulatory framework remains "intact". The timelines for semiconductor plants of Micron and Tata Group too are on track.

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