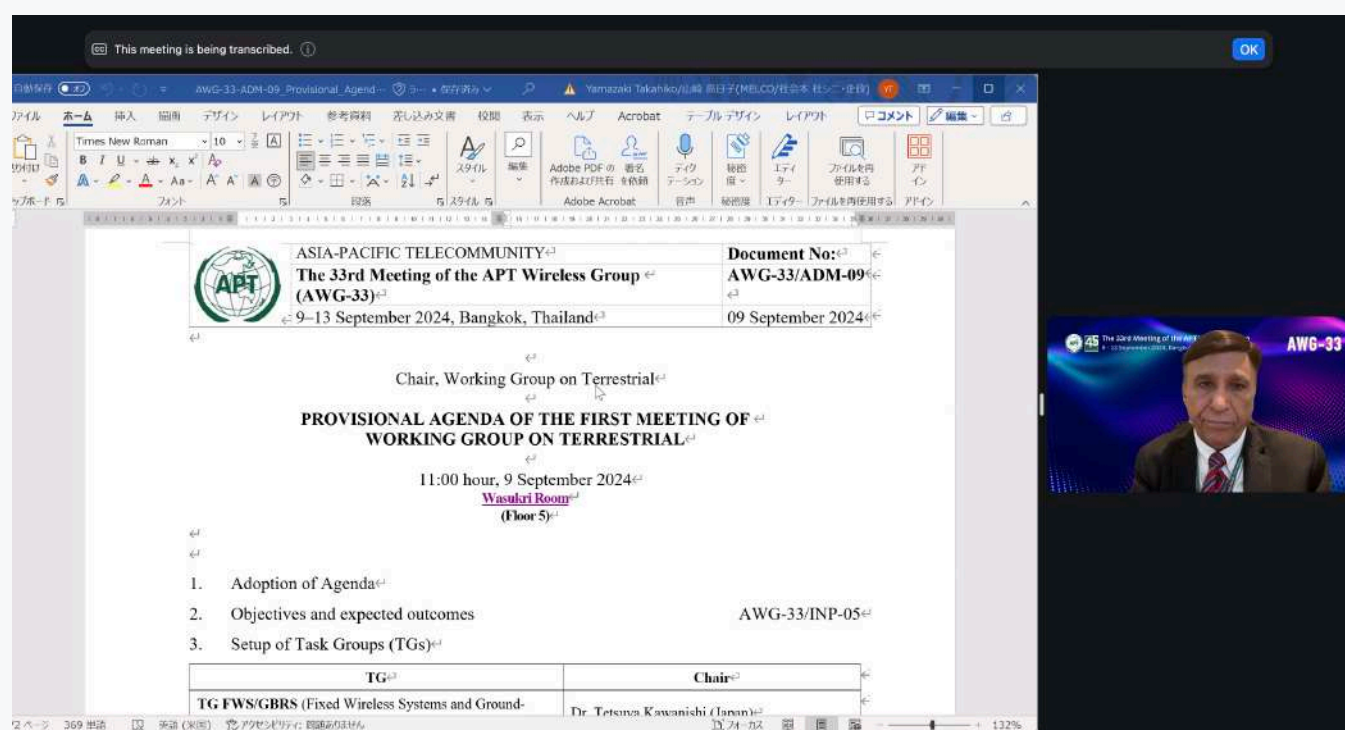# THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY
IAFI News

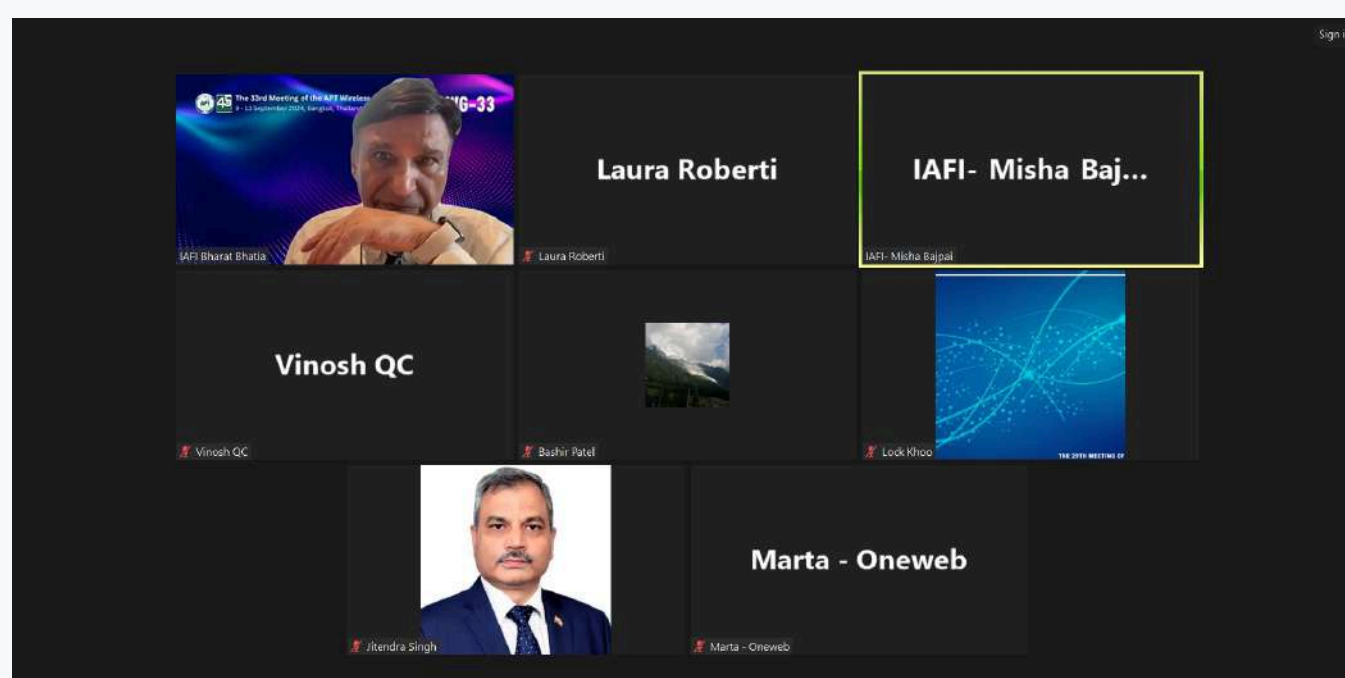### 33rd Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-33)

Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) organized the 33rd Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-33) from 09 to 13 September 2024 in Bangkok, in a hybrid mode. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI, Shri Jitendra Singh, Dr. Sendil Kumar and Dr. Punit Rathod attended the meeting physically, while many other IAFI members joined the meeting virtually. IAFI presented the following four documents in the meeting.

1. Working Document towards a draft new report on usage of cooperative vehicle-infrastructure its systems
2. APT report on the status of implementation of APT 700 Band Plan in Asia Pacific countries. Proposed further updates to the working document towards a new APT report on WAS/RLAN technology, use cases, spectrum demand and regulatory development.
3. Proposed further updates to working document towards a draft new APT report on Terahertz (THz) fixed wireless systems operating in the frequency above 450 GHz.
4. Proposed further updates to the working document towards a draft new APT report on deployment approaches and solutions for IMT-2020/5G use case.

All above documents were discussed in details and accepted. Total 109 input documents were discussed in the meeting and 20 output documents were approved by the closing plenary. The major achievement of this meeting was the adoption of a new APT report on 6GHZ WiFi.

IAFI Radio Group meeting to review documents for the upcoming WP-5D/WP-4C meeting

IAFI Radio Group meeting was held on 11-09-2024, in a virtual mode, to discuss the documents to be submitted by the IAFI in the upcoming meeting of the WP-5D and WP-4C. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI arranged the virtual meeting from the Hotel Amari, Bangkok, as attending AWG-33 meeting at Bangkok from 09 to 13 Sept, 2024. Following two draft documents for WP-5D meeting were discussed in the meeting.

1. Further updates to the working document towards a preliminary draft a new Report ITU-R M. [IMT.A2G].
2. Increasing complexity in testing OF IMT-2030 technologies, proposal for expectations for IEG's in evaluating IMT-2030.
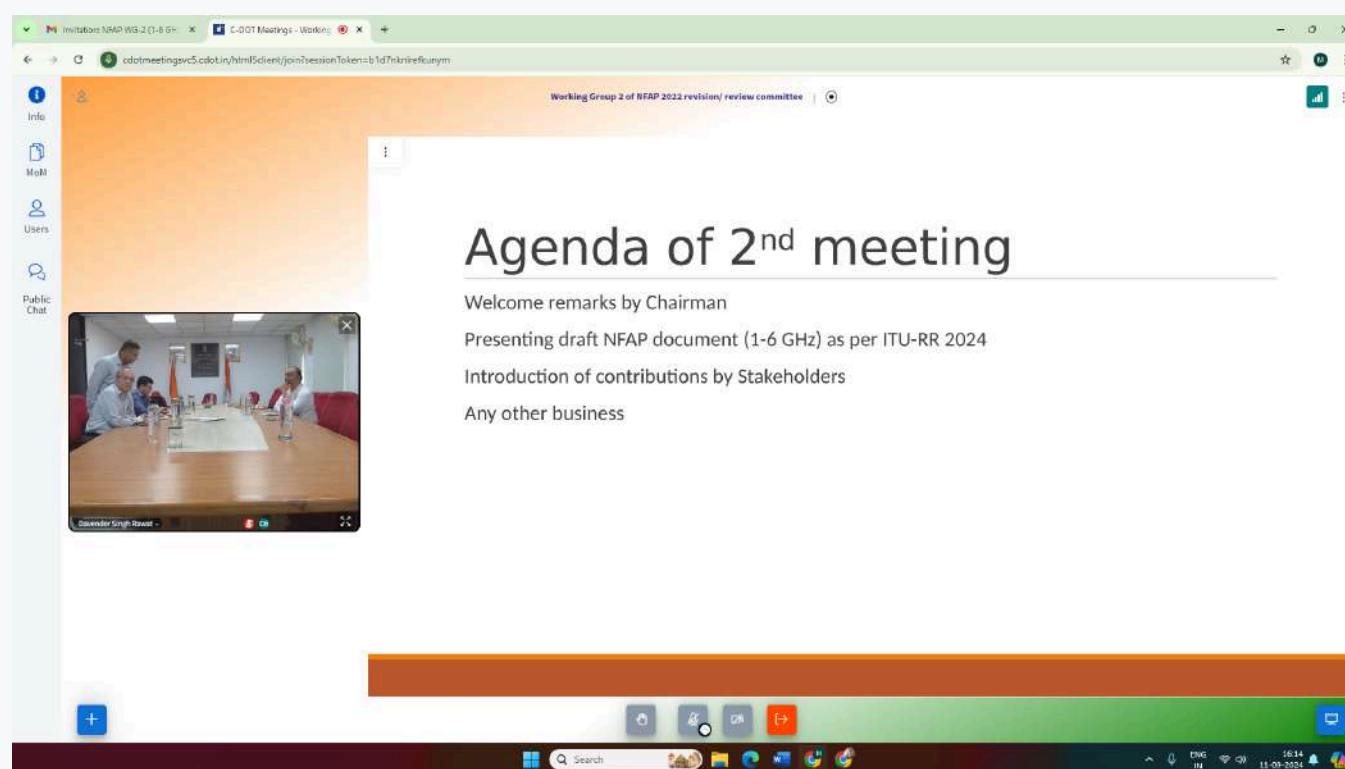
In addition, one more document to be submitted in the WP-4C meeting on Studies on development of regulatory measures to limit of the unauthorized operations of non-geostationary-satellite orbit (non- GSO) earth stations was also discussed but there was no agreement to submit the same.

Further, IAFI is working on the following document.

1. Working document towards preliminary draft revision of report ITU-R M. 2527-0, applications of the terrestrial component of International Mobile Telecommunications for specific societal, industrial and other usages.

It was decided to arrange final meeting on 18-09-2024, to finalize the draft to be submitted in the WP-5D meeting. It may be noted that the 47 th WP-5D meeting will be held from 03-10-2024 to 11- 10-2024 at Geneva, Switzerland and the deadline for submission of contributions to the WP-5D is Saturday, 21 September 2024, 1600 Hrs UTC.

Working Group -2 (WG-2) of NFAP meeting

The WPC wing of the DoT convened a meeting of the Working Group-2 (WG-2) on September 11, 2024, in the Spectrum Room at Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi. The focus of the meeting was on revising the National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP) and related footnotes pertaining to India. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI and other members participated virtually in the discussions.

TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	Status	Submission
Review of the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations, 2018	25th Sep 2024	Under Development	-

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

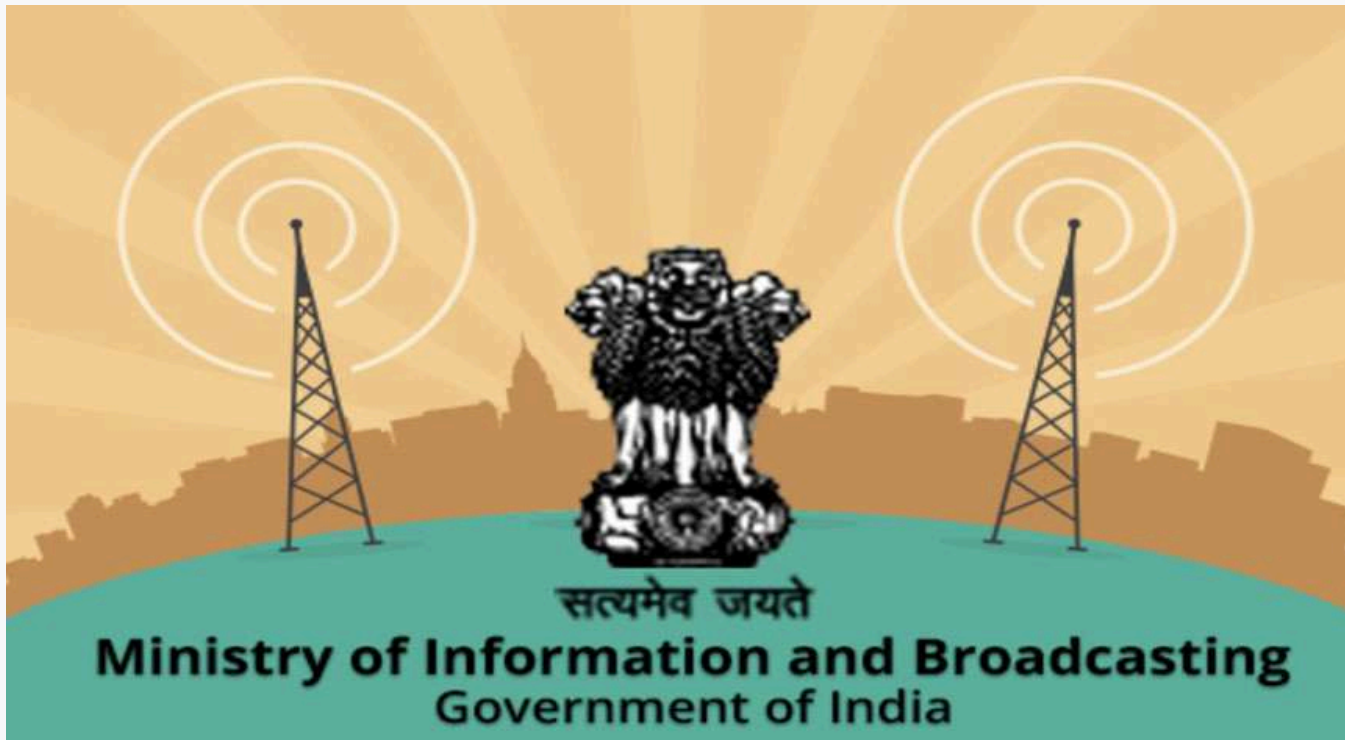| Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU-R:Working Party 7D- Radio astronomy	17th Sep - 26th Sep 2024	05th Sep 2024	-
ITU-R: Working party 7B - Space radiocommunication applications	18th Sep - 27th Sep 2024	06th Sep 2024	-
ITU-R: Working Party 7C - Remote sensing systems	18th Sep - 27th Sep 2024	06th Sep 2024	-
ITU-R: Working Party 5D (WP 5D) - IMT Systems	03rd Oct - 11th Oct 2024	22nd Sep 2024	18th Sep 2024
ITU-R: Working Party 4C (WP 4C) - Efficient orbit/spectrum utilization for MSS and RDSS	10th Oct - 18th Oct 2024	29nd Sep 2024	-
ITU-R: Working Party 4B (WP 4B)	16th Oct - 22nd Oct 2024	04th Oct 2024	-
ITU-R: Working Party 4A (WP 4A)	21st Oct - 31st Oct 2024	09th Oct 2024	-
ITU-R: Study Group 4 (SG 4)	01st Nov 2024	19th Oct 2024	-

Telecom Stories:

The Department of Telecom (DoT) has issued draft norms with a revised list of 36 telecom equipment that will get preference in public procurement if they include 50-65 per cent locally made components for manufacturing them indigenously.

Under the draft notification, the DoT has added satellite phones and other satellite communication gears in the list of products that will get preference in public procurement based on the level of local value addition. The list has excluded 5G telecom equipment from the list.

"The government had issued the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 (PPP-MII Order) vide the erstwhile Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) Order… to encourage 'Make in India'. Accordingly, the Department of Telecommunications, in suppression of its previous notifications… dated August 29, 2018 and August 31, hereby issues this notification," the draft notification dated September 12 said.

The Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry is planning to introduce an Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML)-powered integrated dashboard with the capability to analyse recent news stories for forecasting emerging trends. The tool is expected to enhance the Ministry's ability to swiftly respond to such trends. An AI&ML-based platform for multilingual translation and voice localisation will also be developed to facilitate efficient public dissemination of information about government initiatives.

The Ministry has requested for an Expression of Interest (EoI) by the interested parties for the design, development, implementation, and maintenance of the integrated dashboard.

"In today's rapidly evolving media landscape, staying ahead of emerging news trends is essential for effective communication and public engagement. By leveraging AI and ML technologies, the Ministry aims to deploy a cutting-edge tool that can accurately predict future media trends based on patterns identified in historical data," said the EoI request, adding that the dashboard would provide insights for implementing corrective measures and devising citizen-oriented communication strategies.

The simplification and standardization of APIs across multiple telecom players can unlock significant recurring revenue for enterprises by streamlining integration, reducing costs and enabling faster time to market, according to analysts.

"This will unlock billions of dollars in recurring revenue for enterprises based on the usage, SLAs and convenience for enterprises which can help optimize their operations or catalyze their services built upon network capabilities," Neil Shah, Vice President, Counterpoint Research said.

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