

ITU – CTU - CBU WORKSHOP
ON MIGRATION TO DIGITAL
TERRESTRIAL TELEVISION AND
DIGITAL DIVIDEND
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MAP OF BELIZE



BELIZE

- Small Country in Central America & the Caribbean which is divided into Six (6) Political Districts.
- Former British Colony which gained it's Independence in 1981.
- Population of approximately 350,000 inhabitants.
- Population density low with 50 % in Rural Areas.

BELIZE – COUNTRY INFORMATION

- Population: **350 , 000 Inhabitants.**
- Percentage population covered by free to air analogue TV: **50 %**

BELIZE – COUNTRY INFORMATION

- Percentage population covered by satellite TV – **2 %**
- Current plans to migrate to digital terrestrial TV? (yes/no) – **NO**
- Planned analogue switch-off date - N/A
- If there are no plans to migrate, indicate the main reason (i.e. budget, plans to provide cable, etc) - **NO real reason to migrate as Spectrum not an issue.**

BELIZE – COUNTRY INFORMATION

- UHF band analogue TV used? **YES**
- If yes, indicate [channel numbers] and frequency band(s) - **UHF Band ; Channels 15,17,19,21 & 23**
- VHF band analogue TV used? **YES**
 - If yes, indicate [channel numbers] frequency band(s) - **Channels 2,3,5,7, 10,12 & 13**
- Number of state broadcasters - **None**
- Number of private broadcasters - **3 National & 4 Local (Regions)**

BELIZE – COUNTRY INFORMATION

- Have digital TV licenses been offered? **No**
- Which services are currently used in the digital dividend bands (698-806 and 790-862 MHz)?

698 – 806 Unassigned - presently under Review.

- Which services are planned in the digital dividend bands (698-806 and 790-862 MHz)?

Under Review

825 – 902 GSM & CDMA

BELIZE – COUNTRY INFORMATION

- Has your administration received requests for use of digital dividend bands for mobile services? **Yes**

698 – 806 (700MHz)

- Has your administration planned a channelization of the digital dividend bands for mobile services?

Presently under review with Consultant Company "Online2000" from Plano Texas, USA

- Does this channelization follow APT, US or EU channel plans?

As per above

Regulatory Challenges

- Legislative & Regulatory Gaps
- Resource Constraints
- Enforcement & Compliance
- Attempted hoarding of Frequency Spectrum
- Collusion



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ATTENTION.*