

Telecommunications Authority of Fiji

Regulatory Tools

Legal Framework

- Telecommunications Promulgation 2008
- Telecommunications Licencing Regulation 2012
- National Regulation of Spectrum Decree 2009
- Monitoring and Evaluation System
- Draft Infrastructure Sharing Regulation
- Draft Consumer Code and Regulation
- Draft National Numbering Rule and Plan
- Draft Universal Service Regulation
- Draft Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Draft Public Consultation Guideline

ICT Policy Goals and Initiative

- National ICT Policy
- National Broadband Policy
- Consultation underway for the development of an overarching national framework strategy to specifically oversee national cyber security and associated matters
- eGOV initiative
 - eCommerce
 - eAgriculture
 - eHealth
 - etc

Fiji Telecom Infrastructure

- Fixed domestic infrastructure – Operated by TFL
- Mobile domestic infrastructure – Digicel and Vodafone
- International carrier infrastructure – FINTEL (this part of the sector is also deregulated where operators are allowed to carry their own traffic off-shore)
- Service technologies – 2G, 3G, LTE, WiMax, WiFi

Spectrum: Background

(as per designation)

- Worldwide, spectrum is a scarce resource for any Government
- Back in Fiji, telecommunication regulatory was reformed to meet the Global trend back in 2008; thus forming Telecommunications Authority of Fiji (TAF) under its laws ‘Telecommunications Promulgation 2008’
- In 2009, the Government decided to take spectrum to strength the economical and socio growth through its re-farming process that will achieve the migration of analogue TV channel to Digital TV in the coming future; LTE for an instinct, other TV stations and other changes that may come on the outcomes of WRC15
- For this facilitation; a Decree was gazette in 2009 which till this date is known as the ‘Principle Decree’ however designation for TAF if any, be tasked on technical matters.

Spectrum: Designations/opportunities

- Spectrum Management Fees Invoicing
- Annual Spectrum Inspection & Equipment Audit
- Spectrum Monitoring
- Radio Frequency Interference Resolutions/rectifications
- Maritime Inspections and licence renewals/new entries & Aeronautical New/renewals of licences
- NFAT development
- *For further regulatory legislations, please send an email to tafengineering@taf.org.fj for a copy of any of spectrum legislations and the Telecommunications Promulgation 2008 is accessed through the webpage www.taf.org.fj*

GOALS FOR SECTOR MONITORING PROJECT

- ENABLE TAF TO ACQUIRE & DEVELOP SKILLS, TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO:
 - MANAGE THE TRANSITION FROM A MONOPOLISTIC TO A COMPETITIVE AND MULTI OPERATOR MARKET;
 - FACILITATE AND MANAGE THE GROWTH OF THIS INDUSTRY;
 - MEASURE AND OPTIMISE THE IMPACT OF TELECOMMUNICATION REFORM ON THE BROADER COMMUNITY.
 - IMPROVING ACCESS TO INFRASTRUCTURE PARTICULARLY IN RURAL AND OTHER ISLAND AREAS; AND
 - ESTABLISHING THE NECESSARY ENVIRONMENT FOR SEPARATE AND DIVERSE PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT.

UPDATE

- PROJECT STARTED IN 2012
 - 3 ROUNDS OF CONSULTATION
 - TWO WORKSHOP
 - SYSTEM WENT LIVE IN SEPTEMBER 2013 (BASELINE)
 - REPORTING DONE QUARTERLY
- TWO SETS OF INDICATORS
 - ITU INDICATORS
 - TAF INDICATORS
 - TRACKING TABLE – ENSURE COMPARISSON IS CONSISTENT
- 7 PARTS
 - OPERATORS
 - MINISTRY
 - INVESTMENT
 - CONSUMERS
 - ANNUAL INSPECTION
 - UNIVERSAL SERVICE
 - COUNTRY REPORT

OPPORTUNITIES

- IMPROVE ON SYSTEM TO INCLUDE SOCIAL IMPACT ON CONSUMERS
 - QUALITY OF SERVICE vs. QUALITY OF EXPERIENCE
 - EXCEEDING VISITOR'S EXPECTATIONS ALWAYS
 - REPORT ON INDICATORS THAT CAN LEAD TO INTRODUCTION OF REGULATIONS THAT ADDRESS SOCIAL ISSUES
- EXPECTED PERFORMANCE LEVEL
 - FOR POLICY DIRECTION ADVICE
 - ACCOUNTABILITY
 - REGULATORY INCENTIVE
- EXPANSION TO CATER FOR NEW TECHNOLOGIES
 - WTIS 2015: ADDRESSING KEY QUESTIONS RELATED TO ICT POLICY AND MEASUREMENT, INCLUDING THE ROLE OF ICT AS A DRIVER OF INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP, IN BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.