

## **GE06 Frequency Coordination Meeting recommendations/criteria agreed at Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 18-20 of May 2014**

In accordance with the recommendation of the 35th meeting of the Permanent Arab Committee for Communications and Information (Cairo: 4-5/3/2014), with the contributions of the Technical Secretariat of the Council of Arab Ministers for Communications and Information, ASMG, ITU ARO, BR, ASBU and at the kind invitation of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the UAE, the first coordination meeting to coordinate the frequencies for the DTT was held in Dubai, during the period mentioned above.

### **GE06 Frequency Coordination Meeting recommendations/criteria agreed:**

The agreed basis concerning the coordination procedures of frequencies/requirements among the Arab countries<sup>1</sup> are as follows:

1. Invite the Arab countries that did not start the introduction of digital television broadcasting service ground to the use of modern techniques for such service: DVB-T2/MPEG-4 or later.
2. Maximum acceptable margin is **4dB** and this margin will be used in the coordination between the Arab countries, allowing the states the freedom to use more or less stringent margins during bilateral coordination meetings.
  - a. Tunisia, Saudi Arabia and Oman specified that for coordination with them, the maximum acceptable margin would be of **3dB** concerning the channels recorded in the GE06 Plan and 4dB if against the requirements.
3. Fix to 4 layers per Administration for this coordination period, knowing that this number can be increased in the future, individually, and according to the needs of the Arab States, according to GE06 Article 4 Procedures.
4. The Arab States to send the entire file after selecting the channels to the ITU to BRBCD@itu.int.
5. Deadline for submission of the notice files for the 1st iteration is 9 June 2014, 18:00 Geneva time.
6. Hold two coordination meetings as follows:
  - a. Second Coordination Meeting will be held in Tunisia during September 2014
  - b. Third Coordination Meeting will be held in Morocco during February 2015
7. Arab administrations will not send any modification to the GE06 Plan starting from the date of this meeting until the completion of the process of iterations, which will take 9 months. Following iterations will take place every other Monday.
8. Creation of sub-regional groups as follows:
  - Group A : ( UAE , Bahrain , Saudi Arabia , Oman , Qatar , Kuwait , Iraq , Yemen)
  - Group B: (Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt)

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<sup>1</sup> Algeria reserved its right, on the listed points, for a deadline until 9.6.2014 to give its final decision.

- Group C: (Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Sudan, Djibouti, Somalia, the Comoros, Yemen, Libya)
- Group D : (Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Mauritania)

9. Ask the BR to invite the non-Arab countries that will be affected by the GE06 Plan modification to the next meeting planned in Tunisia.
10. Invite the BR to take over the mediation and coordination process for the Middle East countries by convening a meeting at the ITU headquarters before the second ASMG meeting in Tunisia.
11. Request the BR to take in charge the requirements of the Arab countries that did not participate in this meeting (Syria and Libya).