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ICT REGULATION TOOLKIT

# Radio Spectrum Management

## Overview of the Spectrum Management Online Toolkit

# ICT Regulation Toolkit

- An online tool to aid Regulators in review of the issues and determination of suitable best practices.
- This toolkit was developed by ITU and InfoDev
- <http://www.ictregulationtoolkit.org>
- **Seven Modules**
  1. Regulating the telecommunication sector – overview
  2. Competition and Price Regulation
  3. Authorization of Telecommunication Services
  4. Universal Service
  - 5. Radio Spectrum Management**
  6. Legal and Institutional Framework
  7. New Technologies and Impact on Regulation

# Radio Spectrum Management Toolkit

The Spectrum Management module is intended to give readers a foundation of spectrum management concepts and issues, including a review of differences between traditional spectrum management methods and recent innovations and practices.

The approach taken is more descriptive than prescriptive, allowing readers to make up their own mind on various perspectives. Spectrum managers need to consider options and the national context when making choices on which approach to take.

To aid decision makers, the toolkit includes examples of what is actually being done as illustrated through practice notes and reference documents.

# Toolkit Topics

- Seven Sections in the Module – Each module has further 3-5 subsections
  - Spectrum Management Overview
  - Spectrum Policy and Planning
  - Authorization
  - Spectrum Pricing
  - Spectrum Monitoring and Compliance
  - International Affairs
  - Developing Spectrum Management Capacity

# Toolkit Topics

- Example of Two Sections of the online module:
  - 1) Section II - Spectrum Policy and Planning
  - 2) Section IV – Spectrum Pricing
  - Each Section contains subsections which are further broken down into topics.
  - Each Section, subsection and topic have related Practice Notes and Reference Materials which are available for viewing through a hyperlink.

# Spectrum Policy and Planning

- Three Subsections to Section II
  - Planning
  - Technical Standards
  - Allocating Spectrum

# Spectrum Pricing

- Six Subsections to Section IV
  - Cost Recovery
  - Administrative Incentive Prices
  - Spectrum Royalties
  - Auctions
  - Secondary Markets
  - Lotteries

Other Sections include the following:



# Spectrum Management Overview

- Two Subsections to Section I
  - Spectrum Resource
  - Objectives
    - Stakeholders
    - Governance
    - Fundamental Approaches

# Authorization

- Two Subsections to Section III
  - Assigning Frequencies
  - Equipment Authorization

# Spectrum Monitoring and Compliance

- Three Subsections to Section V
  - Putting Monitoring into Perspective
  - Monitoring Technology
  - Enforcing Compliance

# International Affairs

- Two Subsections to Section VI
  - Project Activities
  - Transactional Activities

## Developing Spectrum Management Capacity

- Three Subsections to Section VII
  - Human Resources
  - Planning Procedures, Engineering Practices, Automation
  - Consultative Practices

<http://www.ictregulationtoolkit.org>

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the ICT Regulation Toolkit website. The address bar shows the URL <http://www.ictregulationtoolkit.org/en/Section.1247.html>. The page title is "Module 5. Radio Spectrum Management (Beta) | ICT Regulation Toolkit - Microsoft Internet Explorer".

The website header includes the "ict regulation toolkit" logo, "infoDev" and "ITU" logos, and a navigation menu with "Home", "Toolkit", "About", and "Search". A search bar is located to the right of the menu.

The main content area is titled "Module 5. Radio Spectrum Management (Beta)". It includes a "TOOLKIT" sidebar with links to "Table of Contents", "Table of Reference Documents", and "Table of Practice Notes". The main text area contains the following sections:

- Spectrum Management Overview**: An introduction to spectrum management including best practices and considerations involved in the use and regulation of radio frequency spectrum.
- Spectrum Policy and Planning**: An outline of policy and planning considerations including technical standards and the allocation of spectrum.
- Authorization**: An overview of the processes by which users gain access to the spectrum resource.
- Spectrum Pricing**: A review of the role of spectrum pricing as it relates to the method of spectrum authorization being employed.
- Spectrum Monitoring and Compliance**: An overview of how spectrum monitoring and compliance can help users by avoiding incompatible frequency usage through identification of sources of harmful interference.
- International Affairs**: An overview of international harmonization of spectrum utilization.
- Developing Spectrum Management Capacity**: An overview of the strategies for organization, function, process development, staffing, staff retention and training for spectrum regulators.

Below these sections is a "SEE ALSO:" section with a link to "Regulating Spectrum Management: Overview and Trends".

The "CONTENTS" section lists the following items:

- 1 Spectrum Management Overview
- 2 Spectrum Policy and Planning
- 3 Authorization
- 4 Spectrum Pricing
- 5 Spectrum Monitoring and Compliance
- 6 International Affairs
- 7 Developing Spectrum Management Capacity

The bottom of the browser window shows the Windows taskbar with the "start" button, several open applications (including "Module 5. Radio ...", "Doha Action Plan", "Toolkit Spectrum...", and "Spectrum\_Sessio..."), and the system clock showing "15:26 Thursday 28.06.2007".