

# Mobile Broadband: The path to 5G

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### About the GSMA





# **Relentless growth in mobile data**



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Data usage continues to grow

- Consumers appetite for data, especially video still on the rise
- Millions of "things" also expected to add to mobile data traffic
- Some estimations suggest that capacity of mobile networks will need to grow by a factor of 1,000,000





# ...and IoT is gaining momentum



Source: GSMA Intelligence



# Mobile technology: Ideal solution for low power wide area (LPWA)

Mobile IoT = TRUSTED IoT	KEY FEATURES	KEY BENEFITS	CHOICE OF TECHNOLOGIES
	Low Cost Module	3GPP Standards	LTE-M
	Better Coverage	Global Coverage	NB-IoT
	Long Battery Life	Secure	
	Low Data Needs	Scalable	
	2-Way Communication		

# Mobile IoT Popular Applications



# MIOT Global Coverage





# Five mobile industry goals with 5G





# Mobile operators are getting ready for 5G

South Korea – KT has announced it will launch commercial services in 2019

Japan – NTT DoCoMo has announced it will launch commercial services in 2020

**US** – operators have been testing and developing fixed-wireless solutions using mmW technologies, and are expected to be among the first to launch commercial services China – China Mobile plans to deploy 10,000 base stations by 2020

**Europe** – in July 2016, the major operators published a 5G manifesto, which indicated a target of launching 5G in at least one city in each of the member states by 2020

**Middle East** – Etisalat has indicated that it will launch a nationwide 5G network in time for Expo 2020 in the UAE



# **5G around the World**





### **Investment cycle for 5G**



"Intra-generation" evolution more significant than generational leap



# **Evolution or Revolution?**



#### 5G and 4G are expected to work together

- 3GPP specified in December 2017 a new 5G access network (NR) and by June 2018 will specify a new 5G core network (5GC)
- Operators will have several alternatives for introducing these two new components alongside their existing 4G infrastructure consisting of 4G radio (LTE) and 4G core (EPC)
- The "hybrid" configurations using both 5G and 4G elements are referred to as nonstandalone



# Mobile technologies that will impact 5G





### **Coverage comparison**



#### **Notes**

LTE not suited for mmWave deployment

 Higher propagation loss at 3.5GHz compensated by

- Massive MIMO
- Beamforming
- Limited availability of spectrum below 1GHz limits performance



# 5G requires significant amounts of spectrum

- Significant new globally harmonised mobile spectrum is needed to ensure 5G services meet future expectations and deliver on the full range of potential capabilities
- Spectrum blocks *per operator* need to be sufficiently wide to allow the data throughput needed for 5G
  - ~ 50 to 100 MHz in mid-band spectrum
  - ~ 500 MHz to 1 GHz in mmWave spectrum



# 5G spectrum – an international summary

- The below 1 GHz range will be characterised by reframing old GSM/LTE frequencies like the 900/800/700 and potentially the new 600 MHz in some markets
- The 1 GHz 6 GHz range will initially look predominantly at the C-Band
- Above 6 GHz frequencies are more fragmented globally in the 26 GHz and the 28 GHz bands, but tuning ranges could help to bridge the gap initially





## WRC-19 AI 1.13 bands above 24 GHz



#### Millimetre wave spectrum is essential for the future of 5G



### The road to success in four steps



Set modest reserve prices and annual fees, and rely on the market to set prices



License spectrum as soon as it is needed, and avoid artificial spectrum scarcity



Avoid measures which increase risks for operators



Publish long-term spectrum award plans that prioritise welfare benefits over state revenues.



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