



**ITUPP**  
DOHA2026

**Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26)**  
9-27 November 2026 - Doha, Qatar

**PLENARY MEETING**

**Document 7-E**  
**2 December 2025**  
**Original: English**

### **Note by the Secretary-General**

#### **CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE RADIOCOMMUNICATION BUREAU (BR)**

Further to the information published in Document 3, I have the pleasure in transmitting to the Conference, in annex, the candidacy of:

**Ms Revathi MANNEPALLI (Republic of India)**

for the post of Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union.

Doreen BOGDAN-MARTIN  
Secretary-General

Annex: 1



संयुक्त राष्ट्र कार्यालयों में  
भारत का स्थायी मिशन, जिनेवा  
Permanent Mission of India to the  
United Nations Offices at Geneva  
21, Avenue Appia, 1292, Pregny-Chambesey,  
Geneva, Switzerland  
Tel: 00-41-22-7170600 Fax: 00-41-22-7170603  
E-mail: india.geneva@mea.gov.in

No.GEN/PMI/161/2/2025

02 December 2025

The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and has the honour to refer to the latter's circular letter No. CL-25/48 dated 10 November 2025.

In response to the said letter, the Government of India has the honour to convey the nomination of Ms. Revathi Mannepalli for the position of Director, Radio Communication Bureau (BR) and India's candidature for re-election to the ITU Council representing Region 'E' for the term 2027-30, at the elections scheduled during ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26), in Qatar in November 2026.

Ms. Revathi Mannepalli is an eminent expert in the spectrum management and regulatory affairs with 30 years of experience in the international telecommunications sector. As an elected member of the ITU Radio Regulations Board (RRB), she brings deep knowledge and expertise in applying radio-regulations and championing equitable access to spectrum and orbital resources. Ms. Revathi, if elected, would be the first woman to hold the post of Director, BR and also the first woman representative from Region 'E' (Asia and Australasia) and Region D (Africa). Her strategic insights and hands-on leadership make her exceptionally qualified to shape the future direction of ITU-BR. We are hopeful that all Member States of ITU will support her candidacy. Her CV, Vision Statement and Photo are attached herewith.

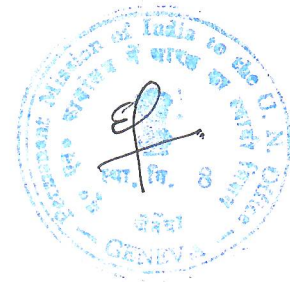
The Government of India also has the honour to present its candidature for re-election to the Council of ITU under Region 'E' for the term 2027-2030. India has been an active Member of the ITU since 1869 and a ITU Council member continuously since 1952, consistently shaping global ICT policy, fostering cooperation, and promoting consensus-driven decision-making. Guided by the principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam — One Earth, One Family, One Future - India stands for collective progress in a digital future. India recognises the key role played by the ITU Council in shaping global ICT standards and regulatory

environment. India reaffirms its proactive commitment to the Council's collective work, enabling digital transformation, advancing SDGs, and building an inclusive, secure, and sustainable digital future for all.

The Government of India would highly appreciate the valuable support of ITU Member States for the above candidatures.

The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) the assurances of its highest consideration.

**International Telecommunication Union**  
**Place des Nations, 1211 Geneva 20**  
**Email: [sgo@itu.int](mailto:sgo@itu.int)**



# REVATHI MANNEPALLI

**Candidate for the post of**  
**Director**  
**Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)**  
**ITU 2027-2030**



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Nationality:** Indian  
**Born:** 10th March 1969, India  
**Marital Status:** Married and mother of two children  
**Languages:** English, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam  
**Education:** Post-Graduate in Public Policy and Management,  
MDI Gurgaon and Sciences Po Paris  
Engineer in Electronics and Communications, JNTU Hyderabad, India  
**Contact:** +91 9013136180  
**Mail ID:** m.revathi@nic.in  
**LinkedIn:** [www.linkedin.com/in/revathimannepalli1003](https://www.linkedin.com/in/revathimannepalli1003)

## CAREER

Period	Responsibilities
2022 - 2026	Elected as Member, ITU Radio Regulations Board for the period 2023 – 2026.
2022 - 2025	Joint Wireless Adviser in the Government of India, overall in-charge of National Spectrum Management divisions related to Coordination and Notification of frequency assignments with ITU, ITU-R Study Group related activities, WRC Agenda Items related activities, Preparation of National Frequency Table of Allocations, Computerisation/Automation of Spectrum Management Activities, Coordination with other Nations and Regional Organisations in respect of Spectrum Management.
2020 - 2022	Headed Regulation and National Coordination division as Senior Deputy Wireless Adviser in the Indian Administration

<b>2015 - 2020</b>	Headed Satellite Division as Senior Deputy Wireless Adviser in Indian Administration, responsible for Coordination and Notification of Satellite networks with ITU
<b>2014 - 2015</b>	Supervised International Mobile Telecommunication (IMT) division as Deputy Wireless Adviser in the Indian Administration, responsible for spectrum management for Cellular Mobile Services
<b>2008 - 2014</b>	Supervised International Mobile Telecommunication (IMT) division as Assistant Wireless Adviser in Indian Administration, responsible for spectrum management for Cellular Mobile Services
<b>2007 - 2008</b>	Supervised Planning & Implementation Division as Engineer-in-Charge in Indian Administration, responsible for Monitoring of Radiocommunication Services
<b>1996 - 2007</b>	Worked as Engineer, Radio Noise Survey division in Indian Administration, responsible for radio noise survey at different places for co-existence of different Radiocommunication Services

## EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### 1. Engagement with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

*(2008 - Present)*

- **As Member, ITU Radio Regulations Board (2023–2026)**
  - **Restoration of orbital rights:** Supported 41 African countries in reclaiming satellite orbital positions; acknowledged by ATU.
  - **Advisory to WRC-23:** Provided technical and regulatory guidance in resolving key agenda issues.
  - **Cross-border NGSO regulation:** Enforced regulatory actions against unauthorized terminal operations and facilitated for creation of a WRC-27 agenda item.
  - **Equitable spectrum use:** Advocated regulatory flexibility for developing nations under Article 44 of the ITU Constitution.
  - **NGSO orbit/spectrum fairness:** Flagged spectrum monopolisation risks by mega-constellations; contributed to global study items for WRC-27.
  - **Interference to Radio Navigation Satellite Service (RNSS):** Growing concerns over increasing interference to RNSS led to the creation of a dedicated webpage for addressing this issue.
- **ITU Conferences and Study Groups**



- **WTSA-24:** Drafted and presented Indian contributions.
- **WRCs:** Active participant since 2008; contributed to WRC-19 and WRC-23 on NGSO, MSS-IMT coexistence, Aeronautical and Maritime safety services, and ESIMs.
- **CPM-23/2:** Head of Indian Delegation; finalised positions on protecting existing satellite frequency allocations and Global Maritime Distress Safety Services.
- **WTDC-25, WSIS-25, PP-22, WTDC-22, WSIS-22, Council-22:** Participated actively and presented Indian views.
- **Study Groups/Working Parties:** Regular contributions to WP 4A/4C/5D/6A/6B, SG4, JTG 5/6 since 2008.
- **Space Sustainability Forum 2025:** Speaker of the panel “Preparing for the World Radiocommunication Assemblies and Conferences”.

## 2. Regional Engagement – Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT)

*(2014 - Present)*

- **2025:** Chaired South Asian Telecommunication Regulators’ Council (SATRC) sessions on NGSO and 6G.
- **2024:** Led National Study Group and finalised Indian/APT contributions for WRC-27.
- **2023:** Chaired APT sessions on interference; aligned Indian proposals with APT Common Proposals for WRC-23.
- **2022:** Participated in APT Preparatory Meeting for PP-22.
- **2017–2014:** Drafting Group Chair for WTDC-17; contributed to IMT issues at AWG and APG.

## 3. Engagement with Other International Forums

*(2015 - Present)*

- **ITSO (2015–Present):** Representing as Spectrum Expert from Asia-Pacific region in the Frequency Working Party of the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (ITSO).
- **International Arbitration:** Represented as Government of India’s Spectrum Regulatory Expert at
  - Permanent Court of Arbitration, Hague, in the years 2018 and 2024
  - International Dispute Resolution Centre, London, in the year 2024
  - ICC International Court of Arbitration, Paris, in the year 2019

## 4. National Expertise in Spectrum Management

## *(1996 - Present)*

- **Policy and Legal:**

- o One of the key members in formulating The Telecommunications Act, 2023
- o Member, IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre) Standing Committee for Inter-Ministerial Coordination since its inception
- o Key contributor to the National Frequency Allocation Plans, including drafting India-specific footnotes since 2007.

- **Technical and Regulatory:**

- o **Spectrum Refarming:** Led the team in coordinating with spectrum user ministries and departments to successfully reform the spectrum for 6G services (2024-2025).
- o **Spectrum Auctions:** Conducted spectrum auctions during the years 2012 to 2016. Actively involved in the first spectrum auction conducted in 2010 for 3G and BWA spectrum.
- o **Drafting Rules:** Drafted rules for Inflight and Maritime Connectivity (IFMC), license-exempt use of spectrum for Short Range Devices, Inductive applications, M2M and IoT applications (2018-2022).
- o Automated end-to-end national spectrum licensing process (2021-2023).
- o **Radiofrequency Interference Resolution & Mitigation:** Chaired an Inter-Ministerial Committee to arrive at a technical solution for the coexistence of 5G and Radio Altimeter in C Band around the airports (2023-2025). Addressed GSM-CDMA interference due to adjacent band opposite directions of transmissions in 900-800 MHz bands by finding a technical solution (1996)
- o Secured orbit-spectrum resources for Adityaan, Mars Orbital Mission, and Chandrayaan missions

- **International Coordination :**

- o Represented India in bilateral interference resolutions with Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Oman and Afghanistan
- o Engaged with SAARC nations on Ku-band regional satellite coordination (2015-2017)
- o Shared best practices with Kenyan and Tanzanian spectrum regulators (2022-2023)

# VISION STATEMENT

As a candidate for the post of **Director, Radiocommunication Bureau**, my vision is to foster a global radiocommunication ecosystem where **equitable access, innovation, and sustainability** are at the core of our collective mission. The rapid evolution of wireless technologies and the increasing demand for spectrum and orbital resources necessitate a fair, transparent, and forward-looking approach that benefits all Member States, regardless of their level of development.

I will work to:

1. **Ensure equitable distribution of spectrum and orbital resources:** Strengthen mechanisms that promote balanced access to satellite orbital positions and frequency spectrum, ensuring that developing nations have a fair opportunity to benefit from these finite global resources.
2. **Promote efficient and innovative use of resources:** Encourage technical and regulatory solutions that maximise resource efficiency, minimise harmful interference, and enable emerging technologies to flourish without marginalising existing services.
3. **Build capacity and inclusiveness:** Support Member States—especially those with limited regulatory and technical capabilities—through enhanced training, knowledge transfer, and partnerships, so that they can fully participate in the management and use of radiocommunication resources.
4. **Advance transparency and trust:** Foster confidence in the Bureau's processes by ensuring they remain impartial, data-driven, and responsive to the needs of all stakeholders.
5. **Strengthen global cooperation:** Engage closely with governments, industry, academia, and international organisations to build consensus-driven policies that balance innovation with equitable access for all.



**Above all, I am committed to positioning the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) as a global strategic driver for innovation, sustainability, and equitable access to spectrum and satellite orbital resources.**



## KEY COMMITMENTS

1. **Strategic leadership for ITU-R:** Position ITU-R as a global strategic driver of radiocommunication development, ensuring its work directly supports innovation, sustainability and inclusive digital transformation worldwide.
2. **Efficient Bureau Management Aligned with ITU Strategy:** Ensure effective and transparent management of the Radiocommunication Bureau in line with the strategic goals set by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference and Council, focusing on measurable outcomes and operational excellence.
3. **Strengthened Support to Member States:** Provide robust assistance to Member States in their preparations for World Radio-communication Conferences (WRCs), participation in ITU-R Study Groups, and implementation of adopted decisions and recommendations.
4. **Innovative and Equitable Spectrum Management:** Work closely with Members to promote efficient, inclusive, and innovative spectrum management practices that adapt to evolving needs, especially in emerging areas like 6G, LEO/MEO satellite-based communication services.
5. **Responsive and Inclusive Frequency Planning:** Develop flexible and forward-looking methods to address the growing demands for spectrum and orbital resources, ensuring equitable access for all countries, particularly developing and least developed nations.

For more details, visit  
[revathim.in](https://www.revathim.in)

