



## ITU Regional Workshop on the Future Utilization of UHF Band in Arab Region

Marrakech – Morocco, 12 April 2018

### Draft Agenda

The workshop aims to discuss the future utilization of the UHF Band in the Arab region, and to shed light on some case studies from the Arab countries about the situation of the 700 and 800 MHz band. In addition, the workshop will provide summary of the WTDC-17 resolutions related to spectrum management and the relevant ITU activities in the region.

The process of allocating the 700 and 800MHz bands is ongoing across many Arab states.

Beyond these two bands, regulators are also considering the best approach to the 600MHz, and whether to also make this available for mobile. This workshop will look at the progress that has been made with the allocation of the 700 and 800MHz bands across the region and the band plans that are emerging, and then look at the picture in the wider UHF band (including 600MHz), and at the likely future shape of the band as a whole across the region.

- What progress has been seen in the allocation of the 700 and 800MHz bands in the Arab region?
- Will the Arab region push for a 600MHz mobile band and go against the situation in Europe, where the band has been allocated to broadcast until at least 2030?
- If so then how would this fit with the region's extended 700 MHz plan, which includes one additional block at bottom of band?
- Where does the future of broadcasting lie and how can it be ensured that spectrum requirements to deliver this are met?
- What needs to be done to ensure that the efficiency of the available spectrum is being maximized by both mobile and broadcast users and it is not left fallow?

15:40 - 16:30	<p>The future shape of the UHF band in the Arab region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- From Broadcasters' point of view: Mr. Mohsen Ghommam, Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU)</li><li>- From Mobile Operators' point of view: Mr. Mohamed Abbes, Public Policy Director, MENA, GSMA</li></ul>
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16:30 - 16:50	Enhanced knowledge and understanding on the UHF Band <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. Walid Sami, Senior Project Manager, Technology &amp; Innovation, EBU</li><li>- Mr. Stan Baaijens, CEO and DVB Steering Board Member, Funke</li></ul>
16:50 - 17:30	Countries experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mr. DRISSI MELYANI Sidi Mohammed, Technical Director at ANRT, Morocco</li><li>- Mrs. Entsar Mahmoud Ahmed Yahya, Head of Spectrum Assignment Department, TPRA, Sudan</li><li>- Mr. Mohamed El-Moghazi, Director of Spectrum Research and Studies Department, Egypt</li></ul>
17:30 - 17:45	Present the outcomes of the WTDC 17 and the ITU related spectrum activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ms. Rouda AlAmir Ali, Programme Officer, ITU Arab Regional Office</li></ul>