

#### **African Telecommunications Union**

### WRC-19 and Beyond - the ATU perspectives

ITU Regional Seminar for Europe and CIS on Spectrum Management and Broadcasting, covering:

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### **About ATU**

Specialized Institution of the African Union in the field of Telecommunications/ICTs.

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Mission: "To accelerate the development of the object the development of the telecommunications/ICTs in Africa in order to achieve digital

Membership organization:

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- Member states (48)
- Associate Members

**ATU** 

Currently based in Nairobi (KENYA)

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### WRC-19 from the ATU perspective



#### **GENERAL**

- Great hosting by Egypt
- Great participation by delegates
- Great success overall
- Everyone equally "happy and unhappy" as we say



#### **KEY OUTCOMES**

- Extension of the life of Resolution ITU-R 69 and Retention of Resolution ITU-R 64
- Facilitation of new High-Altitude Platform Stations (HAPS) systems
- New additional spectrum identification for IMT
- Possibility for new usable satellite orbital resources for affected African countries
- Possibility to use Fixed Satellite services plan as a group of countries
- Additional mandatory measures for illegal VSATs
- WRC-23 Agenda AI 1.2 (IMT studies in named bands below 10.5 GHz)



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# Some of Key WRC-23 Agenda Items



#### **AGENDA ITEM 1.2 (IMT)**

- IMT studies in 3 300-3 400 MHz, 3 600 3 800 MHz, 6 425-7 025 MHz, 7 025-7 125 MHz and 10.0-10.5 GHz
- Why? Coverage in Africa still remains a challenge. It is hoped that the bands will foster the coverage agenda.



#### **HIBS IN SUB 2.7GHz**

- IMT base stations (HIBS) below 2.7 GHz in bands already identified for IMT
- Why? Rural coverage in Africa still remains a challenge. It is hoped that the bands will foster the rural coverage agenda.



#### **FUTURE UHF BAND**

- Consider possible regulatory actions in the frequency band 470 694 MHz in Region 1
- Why? **Some** countries are concerned about the prospect of DD3, while others are looking forward to DD3.



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## General outlook for WRC-23 preps



#### AFRICAN PREPARATORY MEETING FOR WRC-23 (APM23s)

- Decision making assembly based on WGs recommendations and membership/sub-regions inputs
- Decisions by largely consensus and rarely by 8/15 rule
- Convenes annually, hence 4 are planned. APM23-1 >> 3-7 August 2020
- All membership and partner organization fully participate (30+ countries participate)
- Headed by rotational chairs host country is normally the chair
- Final APM adopts African Common Positions/Proposals to WRC



#### ATU WRC PREPARATORY GROUPS (WG23s)

- Technical prep work with recommendations to APMs as outcomes
- Headed by WG Chairs and assisted by V.Chairs and AI rapportuers
- Usually convenes before APMs
- All membership and partner organization fully participate.



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