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Spectrum Valuation: Multiple Facets and Approaches

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# **Spectrum Valuation**

•How much does it cost the Spectrum?

- Government: How much does want to cash?
- User: how much is ready to pay

What are the National Policies related to Spectrum as a National Asset?

#### See:

- ITU-R National Spectrum Management Handbook (Chapter 6)
- ITU WTDC Resolution 9



# Hindsight

Telecom as State Monopoly
Spectrum ruled/managed/used byb the PTT

- Implicit costs related to internal management
- Private users

Administrative fees

- State users
  - •What service (e.g. aeronautical, maritime)
  - what user: Defense, Government
  - •Who does pay the administrative fees?



# Hindsight

**Telecom License Bidding** 

•Broadcasting:

- Spectrum needed to provide a a public commercial service (what is traded is the service, NOT the Spectrum)
- TV Broadcast vs Cable TV : same service, same bidding, different cost modeling (with and without Spectrum)
- Satellite Services (National Orbit-Spectrum Ressource, OSR)

Telephony: Local, LD (National, Innal.)

Not all commercial Telecom need Spectrum Commercial Approach: Business cases



# From PPT to Open market

### Non commercial:

- Private Users: Administrative fees
- Official Users: Administrative fees (who will pay?)
- Communitarian users: Social Policies (who will pay?)
- Unlicensed: who will cover administrative cost?
  - (what if unlicensed but commercial?)

### Commercial

- Satellite Services (National Orbit-Spectrum Ressource, OSR)
- •TV Audio Broadcast, Cable TV : same service, same bidding, different cost modeling (with and without Spectrum)
- Mobile Operators:
- Again: Spectrum needed to provide a a public commercial service (what is traded is the service, NOT the Spectrum)





#### **Mechanisms:**

- Bidding
- Auctions
- Beauty Contest
- Direct License

#### • Resource:

- Band
- Bandwith
- Coverage
- Time Term
- Renewal?
- Secondary Market?





### Economic (Milky Cow?)

- Cash cash cash
- Who will cash it?
  - USD/MHz/Pop USD/PIB
  - Opportunity Cost
  - •Winner Curse?
- Social Benefit:
- Mobile Broadband as key enabler to bridging the Digital Divide
  - Coverage (parameters?)
  - Served Population, Traffic
  - who does pay administrative fees?

#### •Mixed Model: Recipe?





#### **Users:**

- Private
- Communitarian
- Official
- Commercial
- •Band :
  - Low Bands (large Coverage)
  - Higher Band (Urban areas)
- Service :
  - Fixed
  - Mobile
  - Broadcasting
  - Satellite (all above)
  - Not from Telecom : Aeronautical, Maritime, Amateur, Remote Sensors, etc.





#### **Administrative Fees :**

- Private
- Official
- Bidding :
  - Commercial

- Social benefit :
  - Communitarian

Mixing 3 above

**Spectrum Valuation and fees shall reflect the National Policies on Spectrum Management** 





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