

***2nd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27
(APG27-2)***

Opening Remarks

28 July 2025

on behalf of
Mario Maniewicz
Director, Radiocommunication Bureau

Mr. Kawai, Chair of the APG,
Dr. Kondo, Secretary General of the APT,
Mr. Liu, Deputy Secretary General of the APT,
Delegates from the Member States,
Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honour to address you today on behalf of the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, Mr. Mario Maniewicz. The Director regrets that he is unable to attend this important event, and he has asked me to express his support to this meeting and to pass on his sincere appreciation to all of you who contribute to the advancement of wireless communications.

Regional groups, such as the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27, play a vital role in promoting modern radio technologies and establishing responsive spectrum regulations. These efforts require extensive international cooperation, which begins at the regional and sub-regional levels. Many complex challenges at ITU radiocommunication conferences have been resolved thanks to the coordinated efforts of the regional groups. The close cooperation of administrations responsible for frequency and orbit utilization remains critically important.

Dear Colleagues,

Preparations to the forthcoming 2027 World Radiocommunication Conference represent a core activity of ITU's Radiocommunication Sector. The agenda of the Conference was already agreed at the 2024 session of the ITU Council.

In June this year, the ITU Council decided to accept the invitation from China to host RA-27, WRC-27 and CPM31-1 in Shanghai. The next required step is a consultation by correspondence of all ITU Member States to confirm the Council's decision.

Currently, the preparatory work for WRC-27 is ongoing within concerned ITU-R working parties.

Two meetings of the CPM Steering Committee were held in July and December 2024 to review the progress of the studies, adjust the lists of contributing ITU-R working parties, and authorise some Working Parties to provide criteria and characteristics for the studies before the extended deadline of 1 July 2025. The other members of the CPM Management Team were also invited to these meetings of the CPM Steering Committee.

Another meeting of the CPM Steering Committee with the other members of the CPM Management Team was held on 3 July 2025 to review the situation of the ITU-R preparatory studies for WRC-27. It noted the completion of the studies by ITU-R Study Group 3 and its working parties on propagation matters in support of the sharing and compatibility studies performed by the other ITU-R working parties responsible for the WRC-27 agenda items. No requests were made regarding the lists of contributing groups or the deadline of 1 July 2025. It was however noticed that the Chairs of some WPs will have to ensure that the necessary information to perform the studies are available.

In the coming months, particular attention should therefore be given to the sharing and compatibility studies. It is important to consider all possible scenarios to reduce the risk of interference in future. We count on the continued efforts of the ITU-R membership to provide contributions and advance the studies.

As per previous cycles, the Radiocommunications Bureau is planning to organize three ITU Inter-regional information sessions on WRC-27 preparation. The first will take place in Geneva from 3 to 5 December this year. This is a mid-cycle event. It will review the progress of the ITU-R preparatory studies focusing on the most challenging and/or difficult agenda items. The preliminary programme has been considered by the CPM Steering Committee and additional consultations are planned with the Head of the regional groups. This event will also serve as a platform for exchanging views between the regional groups and other stakeholders. You are all very welcome to join this event.

Dear Participants,

In addition to the preparations for WRC-27, ITU' Radiocommunication Sector pursues other important activities. ITU-R Study Groups continue their crucial work on developing Recommendations, Reports, and Handbooks on various spectrum-related matters. These include spectrum monitoring, broadcasting, maritime and aeronautical services, IMT, space and science services. Those activities will certainly assist in promoting international and regional harmonization of spectrum use.

I would also like to draw your attention to some outcomes of the 32nd meeting of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group, which took place in April. The RAG agreed to continue the work of its Correspondence Group on Improving the CPM Process, with special consideration of the second session of the CPM. Moreover, the RAG agreed on the creation of a new Correspondence Group on the ITU Strategic Plan 2028-2031. The Director invites all the APT administrations to actively participate in and contribute to these Correspondence Groups.

In addition, the Director invites you to the second edition of the ITU Space Sustainability Forum which will be held at the CICG in Geneva on 7 and 8 October 2025. In response to ITU PP-22 Resolution 219 and RA-23 Resolution 74, this ITU event will discuss coordinated, pragmatic, and inclusive actions to ensure the long-term viability of space radiocommunications systems for current and future generations.

The 2025 session of the ITU Council approved a new revision of Decision 482 on the methodology to calculate the cost recovery fees associated with processing of satellite network filings, which had not been significantly updated since the early 2000s. This new revision will enter into force on 1st of January 2026. The goal was to properly reflect the costs of processing filings, in view of the evolution and complexity of non-GSO satellite constellations and GSO satellite networks.

Dear Colleagues,

The APT plays a crucial role by determining the regional strategy for radiocommunications in the Asia-Pacific region. It coordinates important regional activities on the use of the frequency-orbit resources and approves the regional views, proposals and documents.

Looking ahead to WRC-27, the APT is actively addressing key agenda items such as the identification of additional spectrum for IMT, the expansion of satellite services, including direct-to-device connectivity, protection of science services and passive bands. These discussions are essential for the region's connectivity, innovation, and equitable access to the spectrum.

At the Radiocommunication Bureau, we remain at your disposal to assist your administrations in any radiocommunication matters.

I would like to thank the APT for the opportunity to address this important meeting and wish you constructive and fruitful discussions.

Thank you very much.