

# Future IMT Bands: WRC-15 & C-band Satellite Solutions for the Caribbean

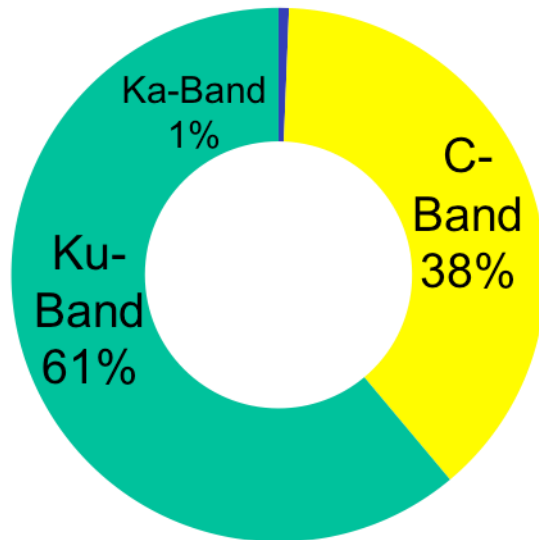
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# C-Band Satellites in Service

## Global Distribution of 36 MHz Transponder-Equivalents

Total 5,642 TPE in Use

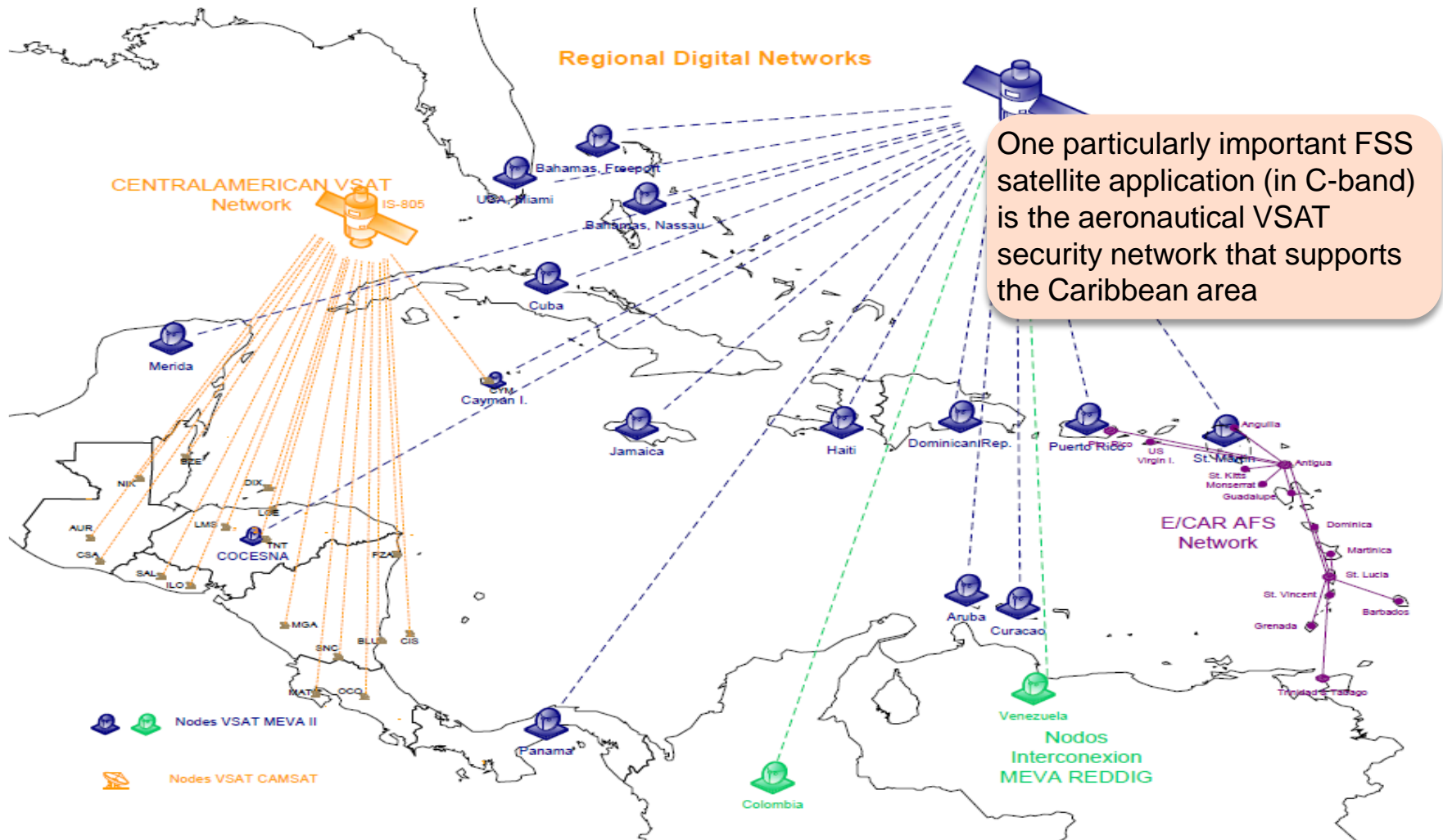


Source: NSR

Note: TPE count does not include multi-spot beam high throughput satellites

- **At least 169 C-band satellites in geostationary orbit today**
  - Represents about **\$42-51 billion** of in-orbit investment, not including the investments in ground infrastructure.
- **Substantial ongoing investment in C-band satellite capacity worldwide**
  - At least **52 satellites** with C-band payloads have been launched in **2007-2012, representing \$12-15 billion** in investments.
  - At least **35 satellites** with C-band payloads are under construction and are scheduled to be launched in **2012-2015, representing \$9-10 billion** in investments.
- **GEOs are long-lived assets; typical operational life is 15 years or more.**
  - Stable, consistent regulatory environment required throughout

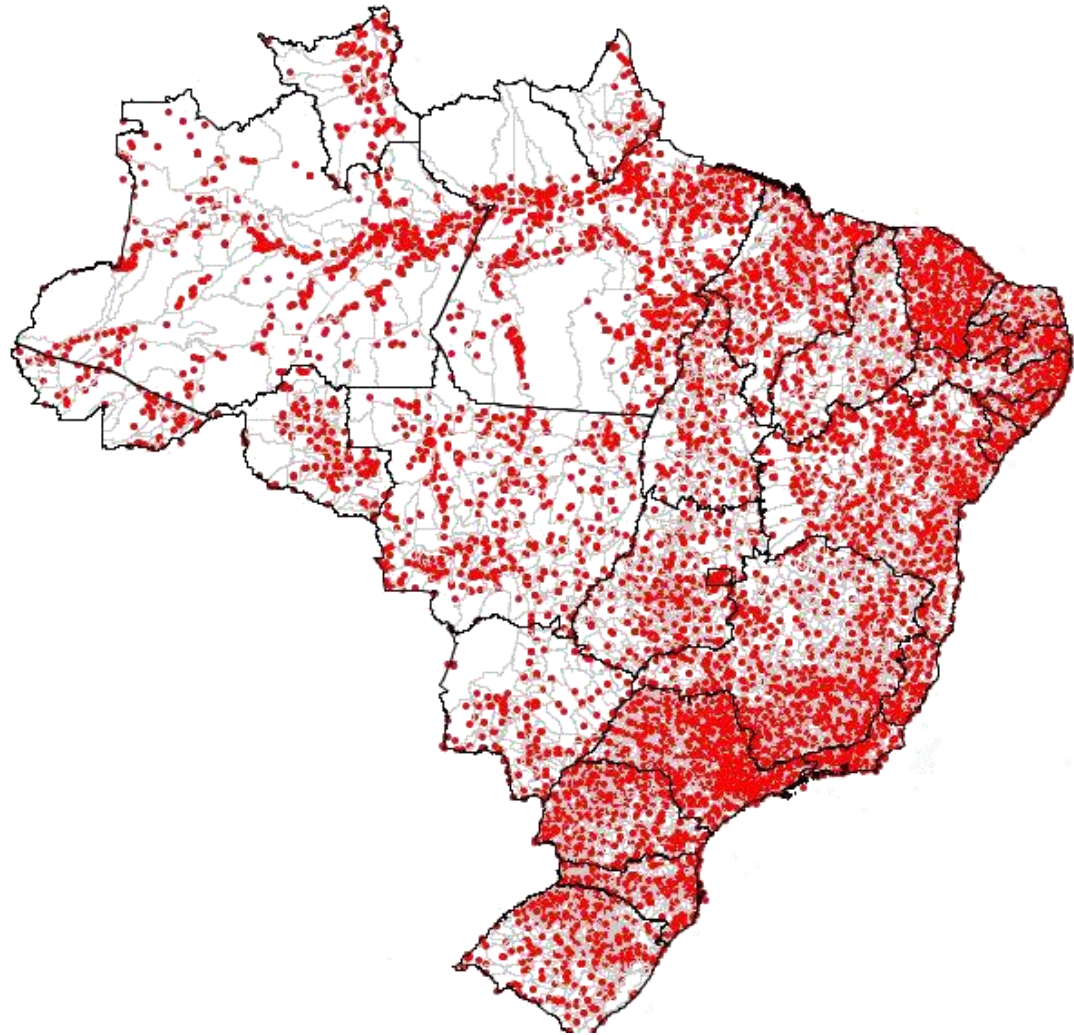
# Aviation Security in the Caribbean



# **SAMPLE USE OF 3625 – 4200 MHz BY THE FSS IN BRAZIL**

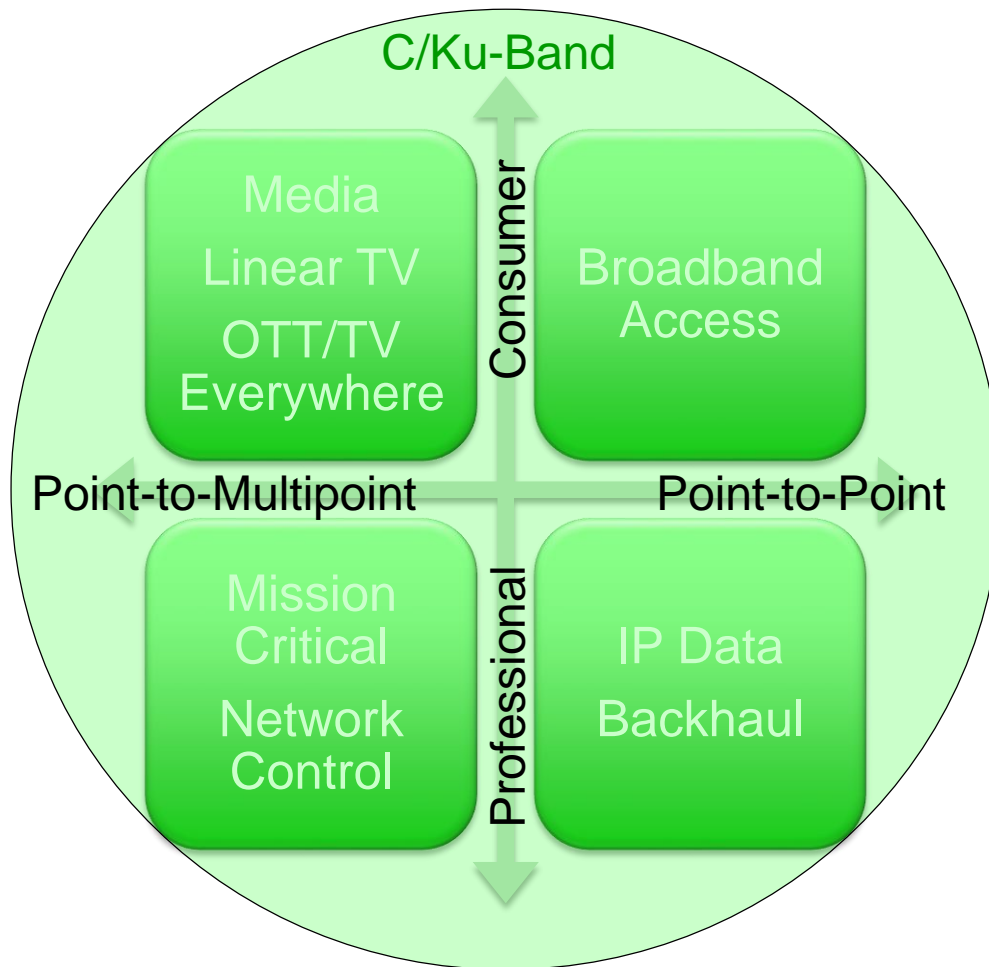
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June CITEI  
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- **No Better Band  
to Address Rain  
Attenuation**
- **Exclusion  
Zones  
Unworkable**
- **Developing  
Countries Can't  
Afford Equipment  
Changeout**

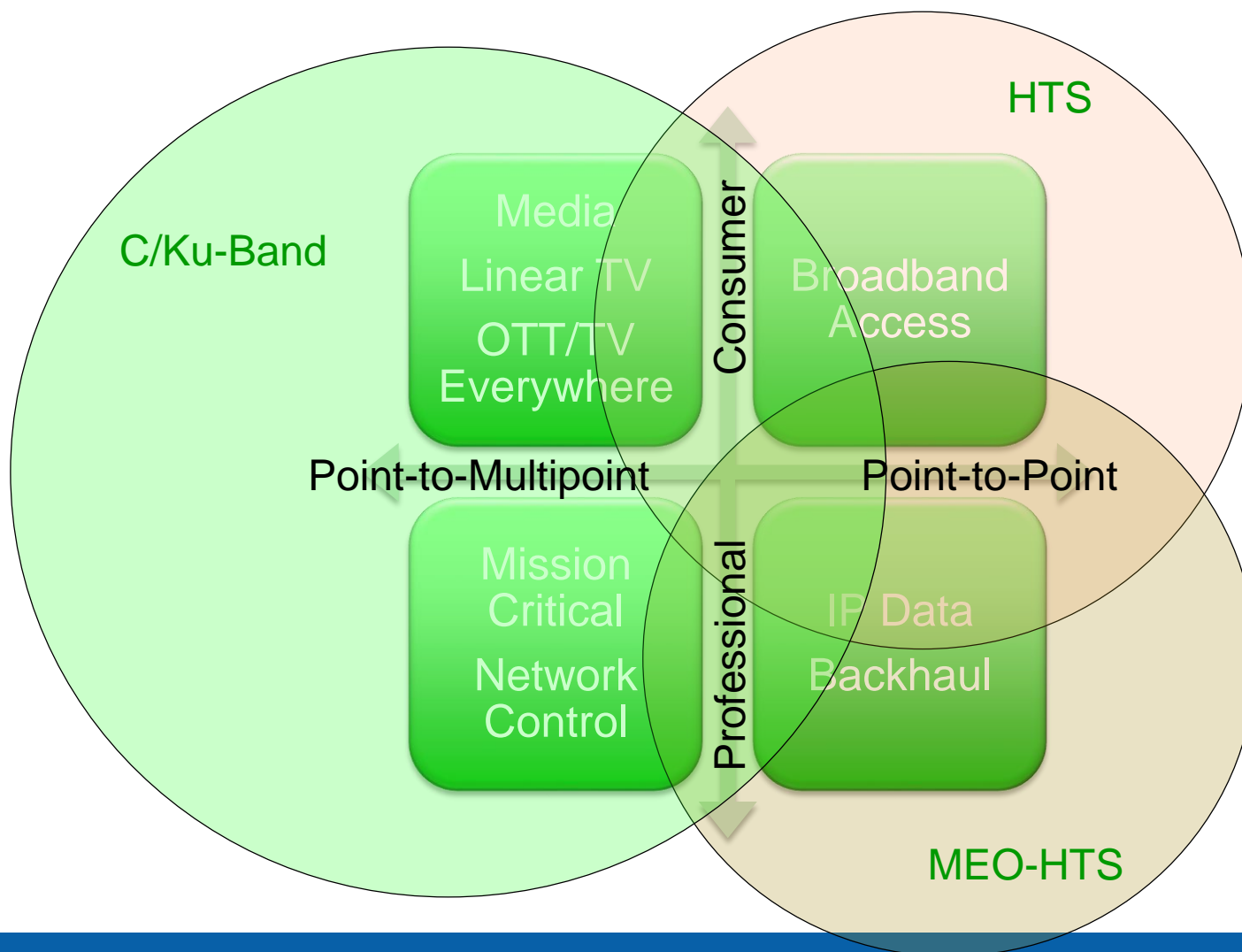


**Conclusion: 3625-4200 & 4500 – 4800 MHz  
Should Not Be Considered for IMT**

# The C-band Value Proposition

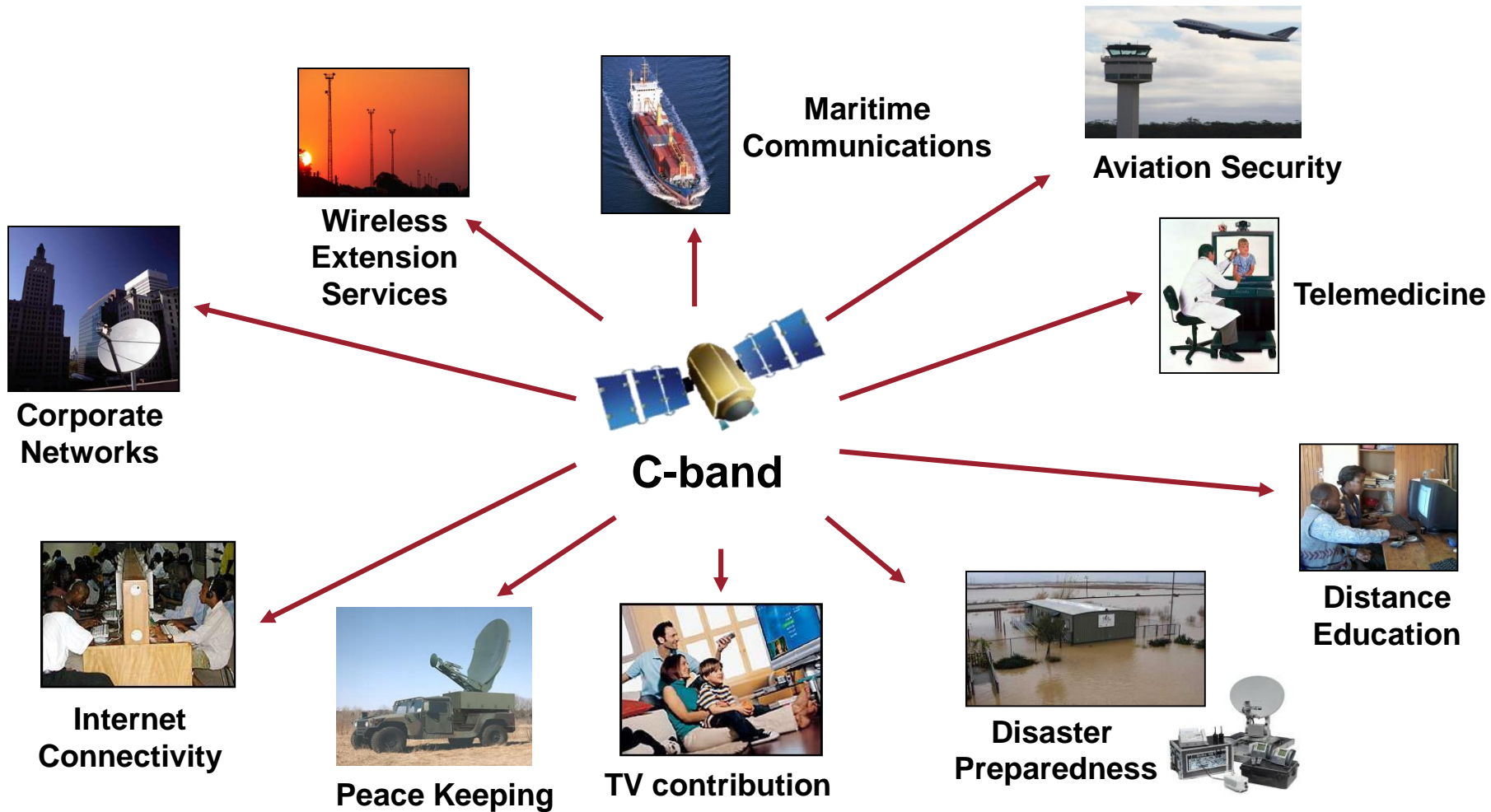


# The New Value Proposition





# C-band Satellite Applications: Achieving Policy Goals and Business Objectives



**C-band satellite applications increase teledensity rates, provide distance education and telemedicine, enable broadband to rural areas, and more**

# IMT Interests Claim They Need C-band

- Studies Show Sharing Would Create Interference
- Millions Depend on C-band for Satellite Connectivity
- Economic Contribution Is Massive
- Wireless Spectrum Demand Estimates are Wrong



# Stakes & Stakeholders

## The Issue

WRC-15 Agenda Item 1.1 will consider additional spectrum generally for International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) and other mobile broadband applications ... including C-band

**What More Can  
Be Done to Save  
the C-band User  
Community?**

## *The Problem*

Such use is not compatible with the existing operations in C-band, including FSS, radar systems and fixed point-to-point links.

## *Next Steps*

**The Satellite Industry and Its User Community –  
Representing Billions in Economic and Social  
Impact -- Are Standing Together... Again**

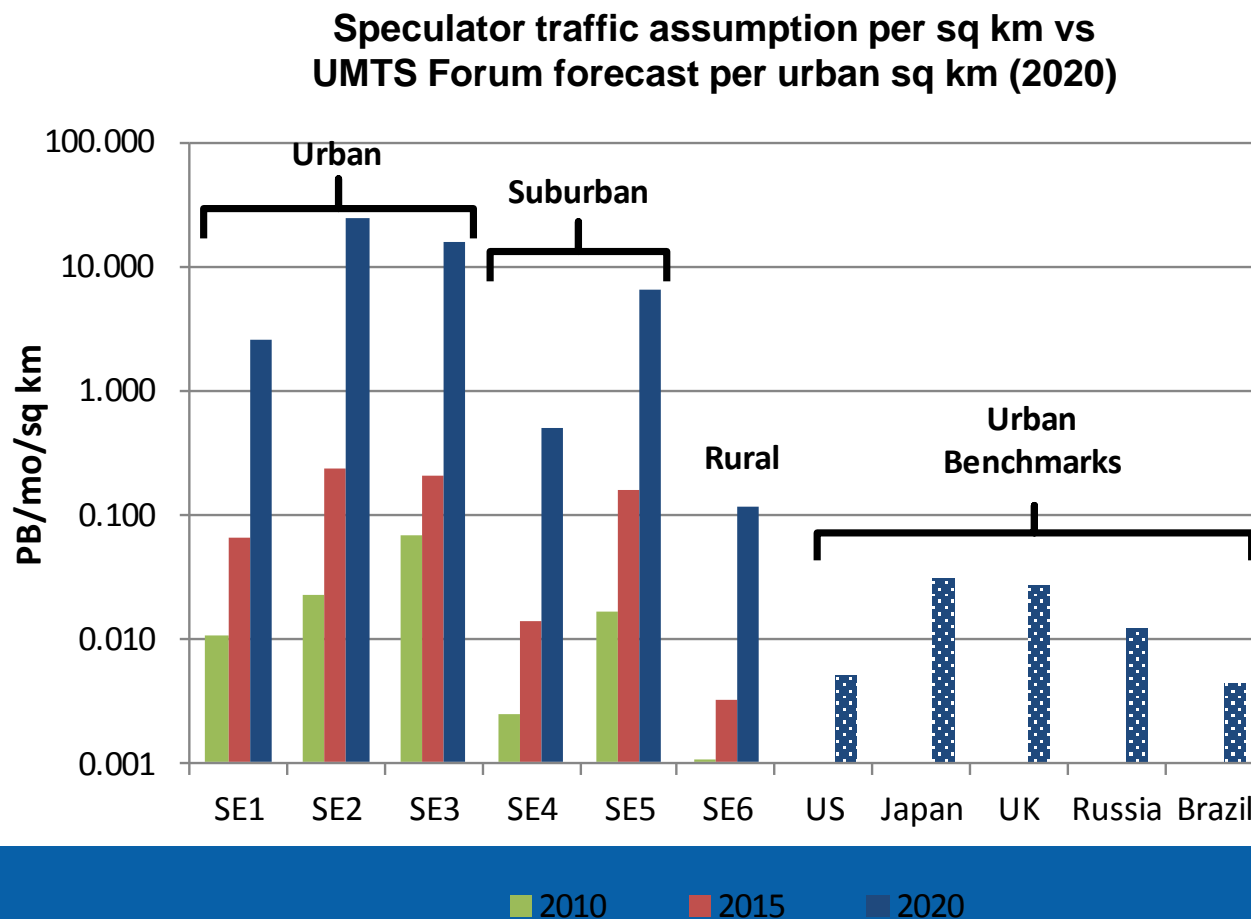
- Broadcasters
- Humanitarian Organisations
- The United Nations
- Civil Aviation
- Military

# ITU Spectrum Demand Model

- **ITU WP-5D has developed a model**, referred to as the Speculator, to project future IMT requirements for additional spectrum
- **The model predicted that between 760 and 840 MHz of spectrum would be required for IMT by 2010**
  - No country was using more than 400MHz by 2010
- **The current version of the model**, prepared for WRC-15, predicts that between 1340 and 1960MHz of spectrum will be required for IMT services by 2020

# Traffic Density Comparison

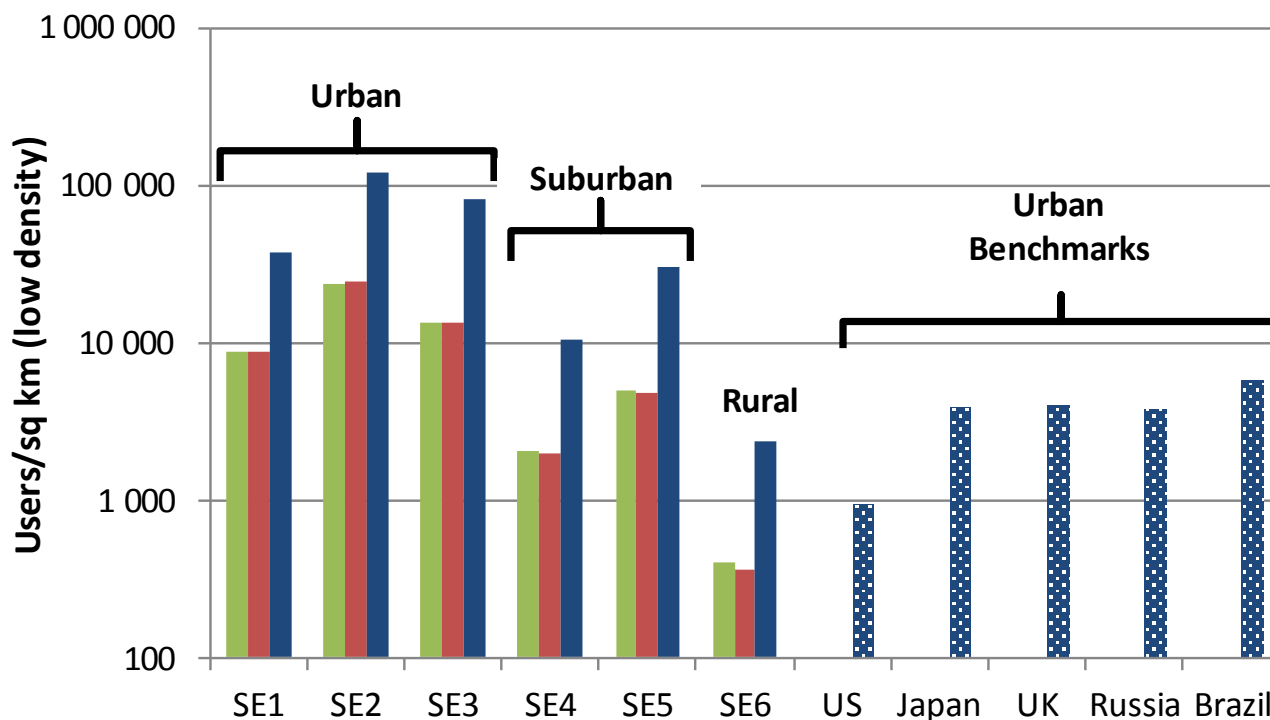
- Speculator assumptions exceed the UMTS Forum projections of urban traffic per sq km by two or three orders of magnitude



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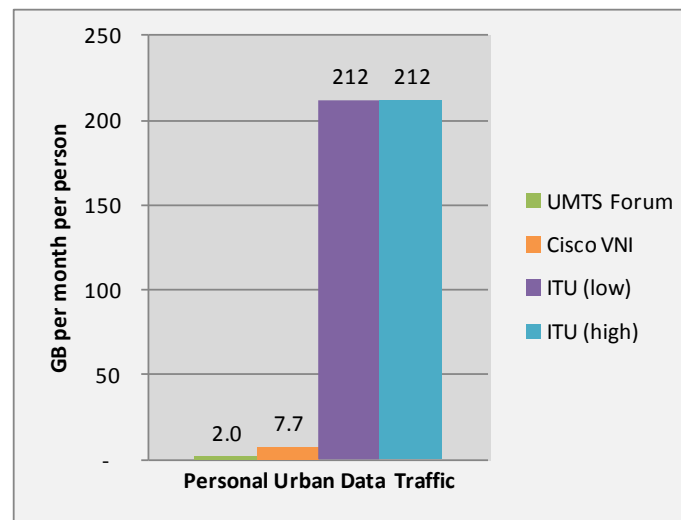
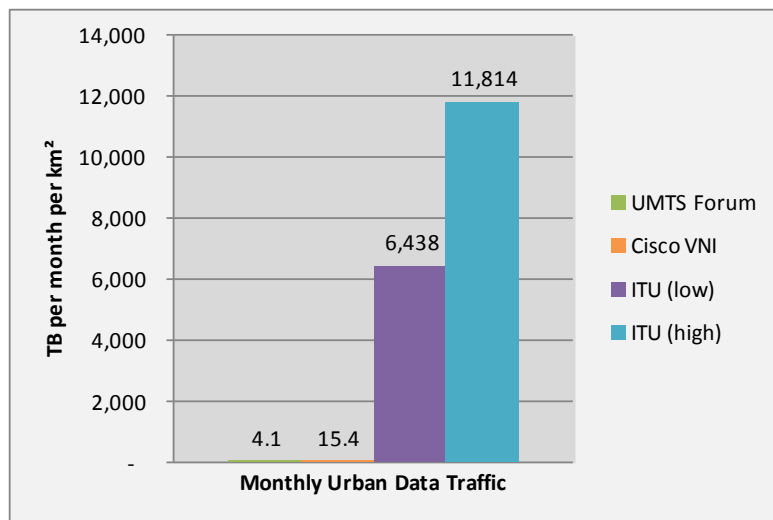
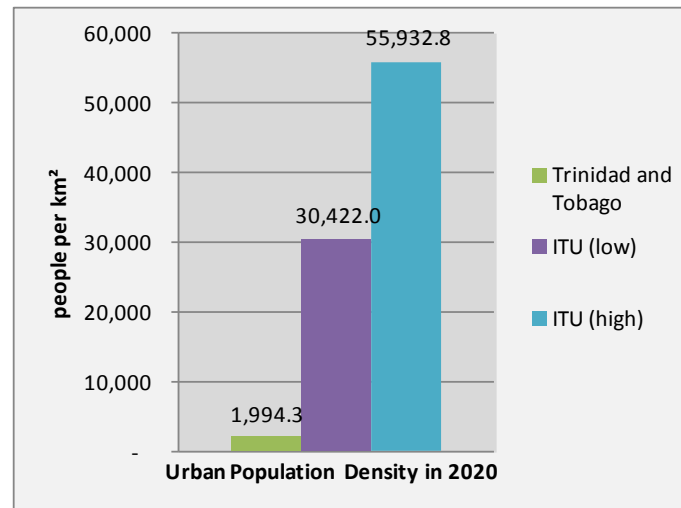
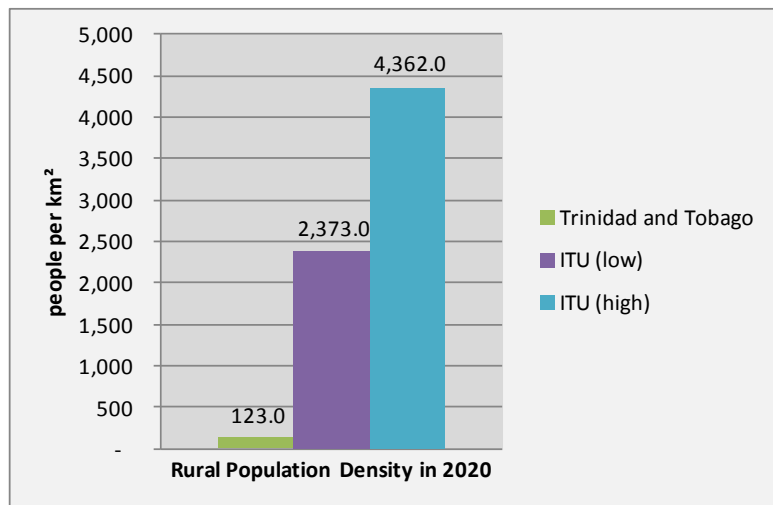
- User density is much higher than urban average even in suburban environments

Speculator user density assumption per sq km (2020)  
vs urban average pop density



2010 2015 2020

# Comparison – Trinidad & Tobago



# Conclusion

- **The Caribbean Depends on C-band Satellite**
- **Wireless Spectrum-Demand Estimates...**
  - Appear Grossly Over Stated
  - Need to be Examined Prior to WRC-15
- **“No Change” to 3.4-4.2 GHz for WRC AI 1.1**



# Key Services Supported by C-band Satellites

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## ▲ Media Distribution

- C-band is used to distribute media content around the world, including, e.g.
  - Cable distribution to 7038 cable head-ends around the United States, serving 60 million U.S. households
  - Cable distribution to 4711 cable head-ends in Latin America and the Caribbean, serving more than 29 million cable homes (2012)
  - 20 million receive-only C-band television dishes in Brazil alone



## ▲ Media Contribution

- Special events coverage (e.g. Olympics)
- Satellite news gathering

## ▲ Feeder Links for mobile-satellite services (MSS)

- Supporting public safety and emergency relief missions around the world.

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## ▲ Rural and remote communications

- Internet and basic connectivity
- Cellular backhaul applications

## ▲ Mobility

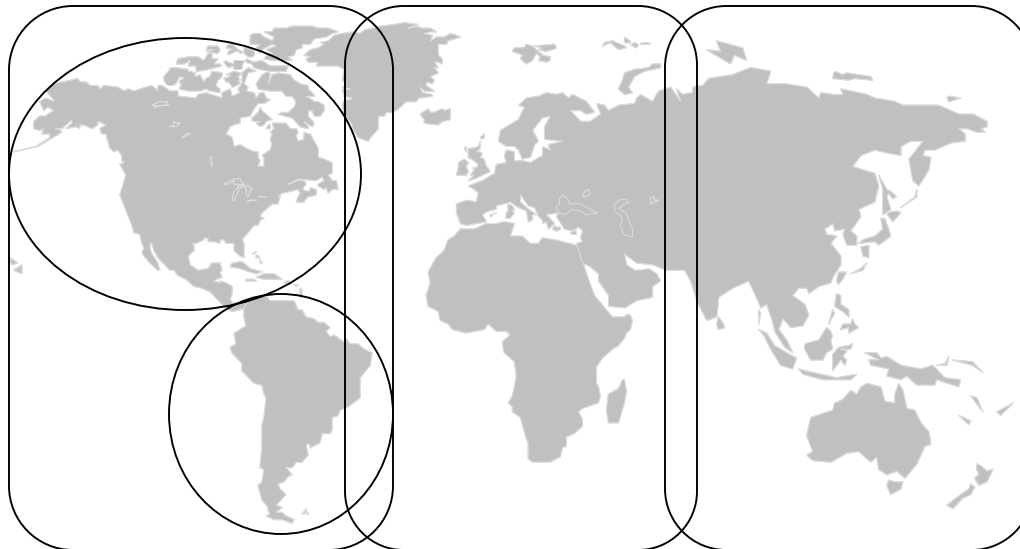
- 3510 C-band Earth Stations on Vessels (ESVs) in 2012, providing video distribution, Internet and mobile backhaul

## ▲ Other C-band services, including

- Disaster recovery and preparedness
- Tracking, Telemetry & Command (TT&C) for many satellite systems in other frequency bands, for example, for launches

# Unique Attributes of C-Band Satellite Services

- ▲ C-band satellite services cannot easily be replicated at other satellite bands or via terrestrial means
  - **Geographic reach.** C-band easily covers entire continents and oceans and offers an economically viable way of providing intercontinental and global communications
    - Smaller or hard-to-reach markets and low density regions are covered as easily as metropolitan areas
    - Particularly ideal for point-to-multipoint applications (broadcast, widely-dispersed networks), and remote/rural deployment
  - **Resistance to rain-fade**
    - C-band is less susceptible to signal interruptions from heavy rains than higher bands (Ku, Ka), making it better suited for tropical or high-rain areas at high availabilities



# WRC-15 and IMT

- **Under Agenda Item 1.1, ITU is tasked with identifying additional frequency bands for IMT**
- **Working Party 5D (WP 5D) is to identify suitable IMT frequency ranges**
  - Consider only the technical feasibility of operating IMT in the specified frequency range. Will NOT consider impact to/from other incumbent services
  - Update IMT bandwidth requirements
  - Provide/Update IMT parameters
- **Joint Task Group 4-5-6-7 (JTG 4-5-6-7)**
  - Perform sharing studies
  - Generate Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) Report
  - Identify candidate frequency bands for IMT from the frequency ranges provided by WP 5D
    - Administrations can propose IMT frequency bands – separate from the frequency ranges proposed by WP 5D

## Sharing between FSS & BWA/IMT is not feasible

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- ▲ **ITU studies** – Studies have concluded that protection distances of between 51 – 430 km are necessary to allow co-frequency sharing between BWA/IMT systems and FSS earth stations, i.e. co-coverage sharing is not feasible
  - Adjacent band protection distances to avoid LNB overload of FSS receivers are between 10 – 31 km
  - Considering that a typical city has a radius of 15 to 30 km, sharing between BWA/IMT systems and FSS receive earth stations is not realistic
  - See Reports ITU-R M.2109 & S.2199
- ▲ **Government, strategic, and commercial FSS services in the C-band will suffer**
  - Resulting interference can cause signal delays, synchronization loss, blackout periods, blackout areas, and total loss of transmission
  - Many countries – Bolivia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Fiji, to name a few – have experienced interference when deploying BWA systems in C-band
    - WiMAX testing led to 30% of TV households in Bolivia missing some of World Cup 2006
    - Similar testing in Hong Kong led to 300,000 households across Asia to lose their TV service

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- ▲ Sharing is exacerbated by a large number of receive only earth stations already deployed – many of which are unregistered
  - Shielding, for example, requires knowing the location of every earth station
  - Further, site shielding is expensive and infeasible on a regional or worldwide basis





# Satellite Industry Concerns

- **Renewed efforts to identify the 3.4 – 4.2 GHz band for IMT**
  - WRC-07 studies demonstrated incompatibility of satellite services with IMT
    - Interference from IMT transmissions into FSS receive stations
    - Requires large distance separations between IMT stations and FSS earth stations
  - No technology developments that change the compatibility analysis since 2007 to warrant different outcome at WRC-15