

#### TVWS & DSA: Caribbean Investigations

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- Communication Systems Group (UWI)
- Caribbean Realities
- DSA/ TVWS Examinations
- Solutions
- Research Outputs

### The UWI-DECE Communications Systems Group

- Examine, evaluate and develop ICT solutions for regional needs:
  - Empirical studies
  - Simulation
  - Theoretical analysis
  - Software and hardware design and development
- Application spaces:
  - Disaster and other emergency communications
  - Social and economic development
  - Health







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### Caribbean Context for DSA & TVWS

- Independent island jurisdictions
- Small geographies
- Relatively low pop's & pop'n densities
- DSO planning imperatives

### Explorations are necessary...

- Is DSO necessary for the entire Caribbean?
- How can we put reclaimed spectrum to use?
  - License all bands
    Mix of licensed and unlicensed bands
- Consequences of using DSA equipment designed for other markets?
  Banda and batarfareness
  - Bands | Interference | GeoDB access protocol
- Are licensed bands underutilized?
- For what congested bands is service extension crucial?
- Can portions of reclaimed spectrum be used to address regional needs eg:
  - Extension of (terrestrial) mobile services;
  - Infrastructure-less emergency comms & public safety comms;
  - Extension of marine coverage.





# GeoDB Net Architecture Studies



## \* Emergency Comms @ Sea

- Standard message format with minor updates
- NZR
- Low data rate
- Long range
- High error tolerance
- Latency tolerant





# Universality

- The Universal Service Framework for Telecommunications Services in Trinidad and Tobago (2012) establishes that Universal Service is the provision of accessible and affordable basic telecommunications services on a household or individual basis, as far as reasonably practical.
- Basic services prescribed in the Universal Service Framework include "Affordable broadband Internet services of throughput no less than 5 Mbps by 2015"

| Service Class | % of area serviced           |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| Data Outdoor  | $\geq 10 Mbps: 51\%$         |
|               | $\geq$ 5Mbps: 3%             |
| Data Indoor   | $\geq 10 \text{Mbps} : 27\%$ |
|               | $\geq$ 5Mbps: 11%            |
| Voice Outdoor | ≥ 10Mbps : 14%               |
|               | $\geq$ 5Mbps: 33%            |
| Voice Indoor  | $\geq 10 Mbps: 1\%$          |
|               | ≥ 5Mbps: 10%                 |



# \* Solutions are possible ...

- Innovation: reconfigurable transceivers
- Economy: scale
- Regulation: light
- Regionality: soft harmonization











#### Thank You... Questions????

