## Status of the Implementation of Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcast in the Americas

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## What is CITEL?

- The Inter-American Telecommunications Commission (CITEL) is an entity of the Organization of American States, established by the General Assembly, in accordance with article 53 of the Organization's Charter.
- 35 member states
- Private sector, Academia



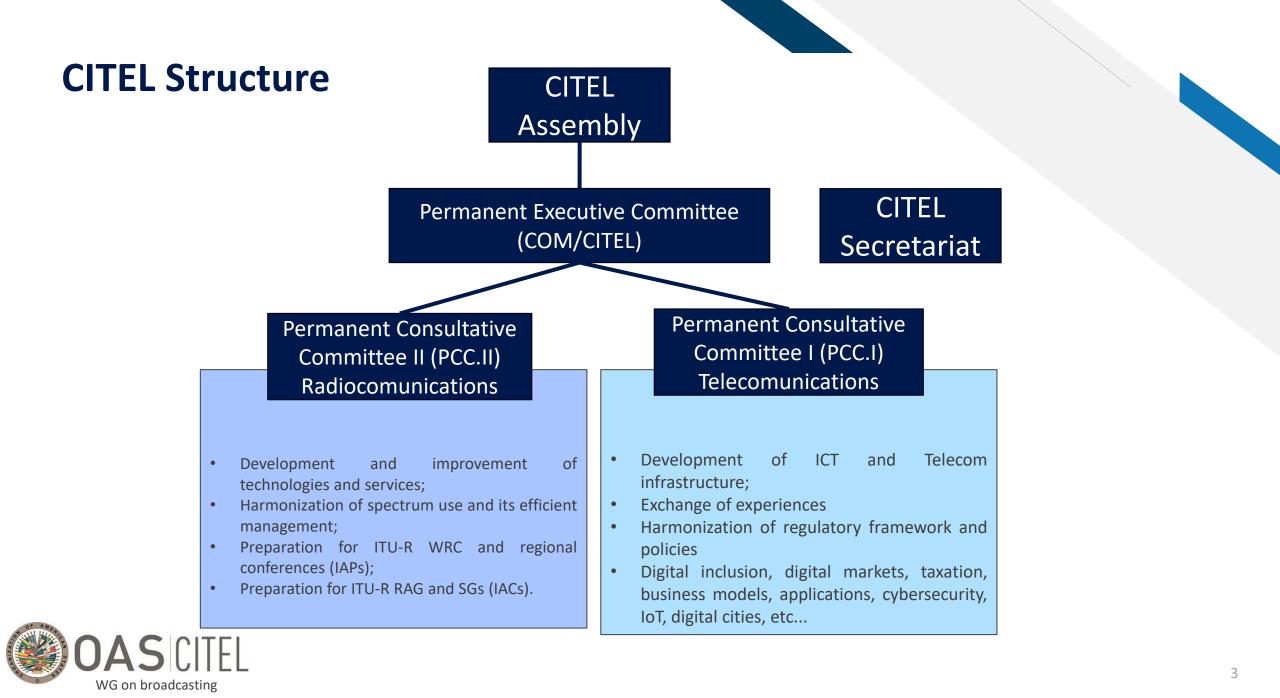
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## WG on Broadcasting

- Considers issues related to broadcasting development;
- Television Broadcasting;
- Second-generation DTTB systems;
- Sound Broadcasting;
- Spectrum Usage for Broadcasting;
- Report on ITU-R activities related to second-generation DTTB systems;



### **Relevant Deliverables**

- 41th meeting (may/23, Mexico):
  - Res. 151:
    - Invite countries to report on the progress of their second-generation DTTB systems in the PCC.II meetings;
  - Dec. 228:
    - Establish a rapporteurship at CITEL on the progress of secondgeneration DTTB systems carried out in ITU-R Study Group 6.
    - Rapporteur Luiz Fausto (B)
  - Business Intelligence panel on DTTB deployment status by CITEL administrations;
- Consistent status reports by administrations;

#### PCC.II/RES. 151 (XLI-23)<sup>1</sup>

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF SECOND-GENERATION DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL TELEVISION BROADCASTING (DTTB) SYSTEMS IN THE AMERICAS

The 41 Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunication (PCC.II),

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#### **RESOLVES:**

1 To invite CITEL Member States working on the implementation of second-generation DTTB systems to share their experiences and relevant information at the PCC.II meetings; and

To invite CITEL Members, in particular Member States, to consider actively participating in the studies related to second-generation DTTB systems both in the meetings of the PCC.II working group on broadcasting and in the meetings of ITU-R Study Group 6 (Broadcasting Service) and its corresponding Working Parties.

#### PCC.II/DEC. 228 (XLI-23)<sup>1</sup>

### ESTABLISHMENT OF A RAPPORTEURSHIP ON SECOND-GENERATION DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL TELEVISION BROADCASTING (DTTB) SYSTEMS

The 41 Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee II: Radiocommunication (PCC.II),

#### DECIDES:

1. To establish a rapporteurship for the purpose of reporting to the PCC.II Working Group on Broadcasting on the activities being carried out in ITU-R Study Group 6 (Broadcasting Service) and its related Working Groups related to second generation digital terrestrial television broadcasting (DTTB) systems;

2. To appoint Luiz Fausto from Brazil as rapporteur; and

To request the designated rapporteur to present the corresponding reports at PCC.II meetings.



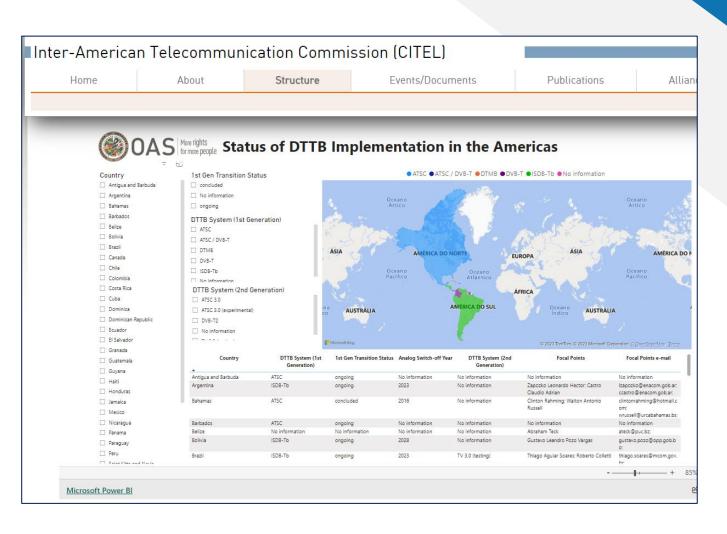
### **Relevant Deliverables**

- BI dashboard on the CITEL website to present the status of DTTB deployment in CITEL administrations;
- Kick-off in May 2023;



- Updates/corrections:
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### **DTTB systems in CITEL administrations**

- North America:
  - ATSC (1.0/3.0);
  - Canada testing an experimental ATSC variant;
- South America:
  - Mostly ISDB-T;
  - Colombia uses DVB-T2;
  - Guiana uses both ATSC and DVB-T2;
- Central America has mixed technology adoption:
  - ISDB-T, ATSC and DVB-T;
  - Suriname uses both ATSC 1.0 and DVB-T2;
  - Little or no information on some Central American countries.





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### **Second Generation DTTB Systems**

- ATSC 3.0:
  - ATSC 3.0 committee (International organization);
  - ITU-R recommendation BT.2033-2, ITU-R Report BT.2495-0;
- DVB-T2:
  - Issued by DVB consortium/standardized by ETSI;
  - ITU-R recommendation BT.2254-5;
- Advanced ISDB-T:
  - Developed by Japan's NHK;
  - Ongoing standardization (planned launch 2025);



### **Second Generation DTTB Systems**

- ATSC 3.0:
  - The United States, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago;
- DVB-T2:
  - Colombia, Suriname (along with ATSC);
- In process of chosing/developing technologies for 2nd-gen DTTB:
  - Brazil;









### **Analog Switch-off**



- Concluded:
- BAH, CAN, CLM, USA, SLV, HND, MEX, SUR



- Ongoing:
- All South American administrations, except for CLM (concluded) and GUY (no info);



- No information:
- 11 administrations: BLZ, DOM, GUY, HTI, JAM, NCG, KNA, LCA, VCT, TRD.
- Updates are welcome.



### **Released Bands?**

NG on broadcasting

- VHF/UHF bands released after the analog switch-off may have different allocations:
  - Broadcasting (DTTB), Fixed or Mobile services;
  - 470-694 MHz: some CITEL administrations have shown a preference for the identification to IMT;
  - Agenda item 1.5: NOC in region 2.
- Many administrations still lack an official plan for the use of the released spectrum below 600 MHz, including VHF.
- CITEL recommendation on Sound Broadcasting:
  - Use of the 76-88 MHz band for the provision of FM Sound Broadcasting Services should consider a 200 kHz channel separation and provide 60 channels

76-88 MHz (V	HF) 174-216 MI	Hz (VHF) 470-698 MHz (UHF)
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Fixed	Fixed	FIXED/MOBILE for some
Mobile	Mobile	administrations

### What comes next?

- CITEL addresses concerns from administrations and is committed to development:
  - Views, case studies and proposals are always welcome;
  - Next PCC.II meeting April 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, Montevideo, Uruguay

### • WRC:

- Agenda item 1.5 spectrum use and needs in the 470-960 MHz band for existing services and possible regulatory actions in the 470-694 MHz band - NOC for region 2
- Agenda item 10 new agenda items for the upcoming WRCs
  - Challenges and opportunities to guarantee spectrum availability for the deployment and evolution of broadcasting services;





# Thank you!

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