

UK SPF Cluster 4: WRC-23 Agenda Item 10

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What are the pros of Satellite Communications?

Satcom to provide universal and meaningful connectivity everywhere, doubling the number of connected people by 2030

**140% growth of
satcom broadband
users for Africa &
Middel East by
2030**

By 2030 via Satcoms 81 million students
will benefit from satcom tele-education
&

74 million people from satcom tele-
medicine by 2030

Today's society relies on **connectivity**



Terrestrial infrastructure is limited and leaves a connectivity
gap



Satcom to bridge gap and **provide universal and meaningful
connectivity** to all

More than 500 million people will connect via Satcom by 2030
twice as much as today

* Sources: VVA elaboration based on ITU (2022); Statista (2022); CNBC (n.d); Satellite Industry Association (2022)

The socio-economic impact of Satellite Communications

By 2030, global socio-economic benefits of Satcom to surpass \$256 Billion

Broadband delivery for households, education, healthcare, emergency and critical services

\$52 billion socio-economic benefits for 350 million people by 2030*

Media broadcasting (satellite TV and radio)

Socio-economic benefits expected to stabilize at \$86 billion by 2030**

Broadband on the move

Socio-economic benefits to skyrocket from \$15 billion in 2022 to \$121 billion in 2030***

The success of the industry depends on a favourable regulatory environment, assumed to be stable over the years to come

Sources: VVA elaboration based on * World Bank (2022); ITU (2022); ** Statista (2022); Satellite Industry Association (2022); *** Statista (2022); London School of Economics (2018)

to recommend to the Council items for inclusion in the agenda for the next WRC, and items for the preliminary agenda of future conferences, in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention and Resolution 804 (Rev. WRC-19);

Resolution 804 (rev. WRC-19): Principles for establishing agendas for world radiocommunication conferences

Resolution 812 (WRC-19): Preliminary agenda for the 2027 World Radiocommunication Conference

Background:

Resolution **812 (WRC-19)** contains 13 AI proposals carried forward from WRC-19 to WRC-23. Six of these relate to satellite services (Study Group 4), five to terrestrial services (Study Group 5) & three to scientific services (Study Group 7). Additionally, ITU regional organizations are discussing further Agenda Item proposals for WRC-27.



WRC-27

Resolution **176 (WRC-19)** calls for studies on the use of the frequency bands 37.5-39.5 GHz (space-to-Earth), 40.5-42.5GHz (space-to-Earth), 47.2-50.2GHz (Earth-to-space) & 50.4-51.4GHz (Earth-to-space) by aeronautical & maritime earth stations in motion communicating with geostationary space stations in the fixed-satellite service

- While Resolution **176 (WRC-19)** developed for GSO only...
 - Antenna & terminal technology enhancements enable usage of these bands by GSO FSS networks & non-GSO FSS systems
 - Non-GSO satellite constellations in these bands allow broadband connectivity enhanced applications.
 - More non-GSO systems will be deployed to meet the increasing consumer demand for access to broadband connectivity, regardless of location
- Studies under AI 1.16 => same band can be used by GSO FSS networks & non-GSO systems to provide connectivity for ESIM

**GSOA supports this AI for WRC-27 with extended scope to consider
GSO FSS networks & non-GSO FSS systems (LEO, MEO)**

Review of conditions FSS use 13.75-14 GHz (E-s)

- In Ku band, only 500 MHz (14.00 - 14.5 GHz) appropriate for return links
- Not sufficient spectrum to attend the current demand like ESIM type services

Footnotes 5.502 & 5.503 apply to the 13.75 - 14.00 GHz band:

⇒ **Limitations on the minimum size of the earth station antenna & maximum power flux density that a terminal can transmit**

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invalidation of this band for FSS return links

Regional organizations ➡ proposal to review usage & sharing conditions to enable efficient use of the band by uplink GSO & non-GSO FSS earth stations - including FSS earth stations using smaller antenna sizes

(Attachment 2 APG23-5 OUT-39)

**GSOA supports reviewing the band's usage & sharing conditions
13.75-14 GHz as an AI for WRC-27**

NGSO Gateway Use in 51.4 - 52.4 GHz FSS (E-s)

Background:

- Report ITU-R S.2461 under WRC-19 9.1.9: partial response established need for additional FSS spectrum in the 50 GHz range for non-GSO FSS gateway uplinks. Studies included need for spectrum for non-GSO systems & GSO FSS networks
 - In response to Res. 162 (WRC.15), WRC-19 allocated 51.4-52.4 GHz to the FSS (Earth-to-space) on a primary basis & adopted No. 5.555C which limited the use of the FSS allocation to geostationary satellite networks
- **Enable efficient spectrum use to allow fixed-satellite services to meet the ever-increasing demand:**
Consider expanding the use of the 51.4 - 52.4GHz band by gateway earth stations transmitting to non-geostationary FSS satellite orbit systems (Earth-to-space)

GSOA supports including studies on using 51.4 - 52.4 GHz by gateway earth stations transmitting to non-GSO FSS satellite systems (Earth-to-space) for WRC-27

New Spectrum allocations to the Mobile-Satellite Service

Background:

- There is a demand for new harmonized spectrum for Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) to satisfy the demand of a wide variety of applications covering both narrowband emissions such as IoT/M2M, and wider band emissions such as non-terrestrial network (NTN) MSS voice and data communications.
 - WRC-23 Agenda Item 1.18 failed to provide new allocations to the mobile-satellite service in the frequency bands 1 695-1710 MHz, 2010-2025 MHz, 3300-3315 MHz and 3385-3400 MHz due to the lack of agreement on the interpretation of Resolution 248 (WRC-19) and the pre-requisite to make this spectrum available for the exclusive use of low duty cycle narrowband applications.
- **Goal:** Create a new Agenda Item to considerate potential allocations to the MSS in the bands 2 010-2 025 MHz (E-s) and 2 160-2 170 MHz (s-E) in Regions 1 and 3 (already allocated to the MSS in Region 2), and 2 200-2 215 MHz (s-E) globally, with the aim to conduct sharing and compatibility studies that ensure the protection of incumbent services (in band and adjacent).

GSOA supports studies on 2 010-2 025 MHz, 2 160-2 170 MHz and 2 200-2 215 MHz for a potential allocation to the MSS



GSOA WRC-23 Positions

Thank You

