

UK SPF Cluster 4: WRC-23 Agenda Item 10

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Connecting People for Nearly 60 Years

We pioneered the satellite market, and today we are the driver for innovations





36% of the population remain unconnected

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people live in rural areas

- 53% of rural population is unconnected
- Unreliable power grid
- Poor road infrastructure
- Low income



Four New Software-Defined Satellites

Contracted two new softwaredefined satellites, IS-42 and IS-43, operating in multiple frequency bands for Intelsat's next-generation 5G software-defined network, which will be delivered in 2023.





Continues investment in global 5G and contracted another two software-defined satellites, IS-41 (66°E) and IS-44 (166°E), which will be delivered in 2026.

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Overview of IMT spectrum growth







Notes

- Bands < 1 GHz suitable for coverage applications
- Bands > 1GHz suitable for capacity in urban areas.
- More than 18 GHz spectrum identified for small cell IMT.
 So far, this spectrum is mostly unused.

What is the justification for additional IMT spectrum for urban applications?

Available vs licensed spectrum



On average globally, only 50% spectrum available below 5GHz (low&mid band) is licensed



Source: https://www.lstelcom.com/fileadmin/content/lst/marketing/media/2019 Study LicensingUseofMobileSpectrum.pdf

Overview of IMT spectrum usage in ATU



% of spectrum assigned

Average spectrum use for IMT in ATU per band



Average spectrum use for IMT in ATU

- On average only 55% of IMT spectrum below 5GHz is assigned and only a third (34%) of available spectrum is used.
- 2. Although some countries have assigned the mmW spectrum in their countries, close to none of that spectrum is actually used.
- 3. The 3.3-3.4 GHz and 3.4-3.6 GHz still remain vastly unused with only 20% and 36% of spectrum used respectively.

% of spectrum in actual use

FELSAT.



Adoption rate of IMT technology

2020 (inner circle) \rightarrow 2025 (outward circle)





7-24 GHz

Overview of the spectrum usage



Spectrum in the 7-24 GHz range is congested with critical applications

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GSO satellites operating in the Ku-band

Intelsat has the largest fleet of GSO satellites using Ku-band





7-24 GHz

Ku-band satellite use is widely harmonized within CEPT and often exempt from individual licensing

ECC Decision Title	ECC DEC Number	Frequency Range	% CEPT admins
VSATs	ECC/DEC/(03)04	14.25-14.50 GHz (E-2-s) / 10.70-11.70 GHz (s-2-E)	70%
High e.i.r.p. Satellite Terminals	ECC/DEC/(06)03	14-14.25 GHz (E-2-s) / 10.70-12.75GHz (s-2-E)	78%
Low e.i.r.p. Satellite Terminals	ECC/DEC/(06)02	14-14.25 GHz (E-2-s) / 10.70-12.75 GHz (s-2-E)	76%
GSO ESIM (maritime)	ECC/DEC/(05)10	14.0-14.5 GHz (E-2-s) / 10.7-11.7, 12.5-12.75 GHz (s-2-E)	85%
GSO ESIM (aero)	ECC/DEC/(05)11	14.0-14.5 GHz (E-2-s) / 10.7-11.7, 12.5-12.75 GHz (s-2-E)	98%
GSO ESIM (land)	ECC/DEC/(18)04	14.0-14.5 GHz (E-2-s) / 10.7-12.75 GHz (s-2-E)	48%
non-GSO ESIM (maritime, aero, land)	ECC/DEC/(18)05	14.0-14.5 GHz (E-2-s) / 10.7-12.75 GHz (s-2-E)	48%
GSO and non-GSO ESIM (aero)	ECC/DEC/(19)04	12.75-13.25 GHz (E-2-s) / 10.7-12.75 GHz (s-2-E)	30%

Total Mobile Spectrum Availability







NTN within IMT2030

ITU WP5D finalized the Recommendation IMT-2030 and beyond. This document sets out the vision for 6G and also highlights the integration and interworking of NTN with

- ⇒ Interworking: IMT-2030 is expected to support service continuity and provide flexibility to users via close interworking with non-terrestrial network implementations, existing IMT systems and other non-IMT access systems. (Section 2.1)
- ⇒ The interworking of IMT-2030 TN with its NTN, including satellite communications, HIBS, and UASs, is expected to enhance achieving the "anytime, anywhere connectivity" objective. (Section 2.3.3)
- ⇒ Ubiquitous connectivity: This usage scenario is intended to enhance connectivity with the aim to bridge the digital divide. Connectivity could be enhanced, *inter alia*, through interworking with other systems. (Section 3)
- \Rightarrow Relationship between IMT-2030 and other access systems such as NTN (Section 5.1.2)

Is there Justification for considering 7-24 GHz?

Is the need for more mobile spectrum at the cost of other services really justified?

> A lot of spectrum available not being used :

- Low/Mid band: 50% still available in <5 GHz (≈550 MHz)
- mmW band: Use extremely scarce and only used in a few countries worldwide

Looking for yet more spectrum for densely populated areas is not warranted

- Especially when IMT2030 could be accommodated in bands >100 GHz
- Risk to incumbents:
 - FS (trunking services, microwave),
 - **FSS** (AP30B, VSAT, DTH, SNG, ESV, AES, HEST, LEST, SIT/SUT...),
 - RAS, EESS (scientific, earth observation),
 - ARNS (civil aviation).

IMT requires exclusive access to spectrum, hence removal of other services from the band. This is welfare destroying of existing eco-systems.

- In some cases, this spectrum is even reserved and remains unused leading to spectrum warehousing
- > Need to have a more pragmatic and balanced approach
 - start using/refarming what is available before asking for more spectrum.
 - To focus any studies to specific bands that are outside FSS, BSS cores frequencies



Thank you Any questions?