

#### **Caribbean Telecommunications Union**



## MEETING OF THE CARIBBEAN SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

#### 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Virtually Via Zoom Videoconferencing

The CTU is inviting you to a scheduled meeting of the Caribbean Spectrum Management Task Force via Zoom videoconferencing. The meeting is carded to span two sessions on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Caribbean time, i.e.UTC-4) each day.

#### **Background**

Regional harmonization of spectrum management policies and practices as well as relevant capacity building initiatives are being coordinated regionally by the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) through the work of the Spectrum Management Steering Committee (SMSC) and the multi-stakeholder Spectrum Management Task Force (SMTF). The CTU continues to be guided by the Caribbean Spectrum Management Strategic Plan, developed by these two groups, which seeks to achieve the following goals across the region:

- Harmonization of national frequency allocations and band plans, including common frequencies and international protocols for disaster management and emergency telecommunications
- Minimization of cross border interference
- Establishment of common approaches to digital broadcasting switchover, TV white spaces regulation and spectrum pricing.

Implementation of the strategic plan is being undertaken progressively through the ongoing work of the SMTF and SMSC. This ongoing work also addresses important current matters arising, such as regional preparations for the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23).

During the last meeting of the SMTF which was convened virtually via Zoom Videoconferencing on the 16th, 17th and 18th November 2021, the Task Force addressed activities on its Action Plan for 2021, facilitated meetings of its three topic-focussed working groups and engaged with industry stakeholders via presentations and discussions.





#### Spectrum Management Task Force Meeting Objectives: 24th and 25th February 2022

The main objective of this February meeting, which is open to representatives of the Caribbean Spectrum Management Task Force and Steering Committee would be:

to agree and finalise the Action Plan of the Spectrum Management Task Force for 2022.

Please register to attend this meeting by following this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcldeGoqTwrGtYGn7fkV8qo1jqRjl3V4WT9

Approved registrants will receive <u>an e-mail from Zoom</u> containing the meeting link, a calendar widget and other useful information.

For this upcoming meeting, Zoom's "waiting room" feature will be established so persons joining would have to be admitted to the meeting by the host. In order to assure a prompt 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Caribbean time) start on each day, we kindly ask that you aim to join the meeting a few minutes early and be sure to identify yourself clearly when signing in so that you may be easily recognised and quickly admitted. In addition, we ask and encourage attendees to show your video. It's a <u>videoconference</u> after all.

#### **Target Audience**

- Members of the Spectrum Management Task Force and Steering Committee
- Representatives (Policy Makers and Regulators) from CTU member countries
- Caribbean telecommunications industry practitioners and stakeholders
- CTU Secretariat support staff.





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### **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

SESSION 1: 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2022			
Indicative Time (AST)	Agenda Items	Lead	
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Welcome and Introductory Remarks	CTU/Chair SMTF	
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.	MRCC and Coast Station Emergency Telecommunications Survey	Kim Mallalieu & Tariq Mohammed	
10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Formulation of the SMTF Action Plan 2022	Chair SMTF	
	End of Day 1		

SESSION 2: 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022			
Indicative Time (AST)	Agenda Items	Lead	
10:00 – 10:05 a.m.	Day 1 Review and Day 2 Plan	Chairman SMTF	
10:05 – 10:35 a.m.	Capacity Building on ATSC 3.0	SMTF Vice Chair	
10:35 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Formulation of SMTF Action Plan 2022	SMTF Chair	
12:45 – 1:00 p.m.	Wrap Up and Close	SMTF Chair / CTU	