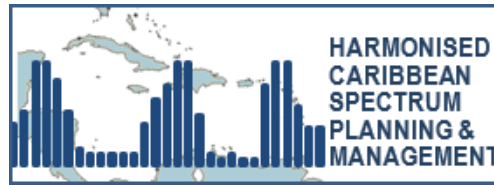




Caribbean Telecommunications Union



MEETING OF THE CARIBBEAN SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

26th – 28th July 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 three sessions over the period 26th to 28th July 2022, from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. or 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 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 tenets of 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.

In addition to focusing on these goals, the ongoing work of the SMTF and SMSC also addresses important current matters arising, such as regional preparations for the World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRC-23 is upcoming).

During the last meeting of the SMTF which was convened virtually via Zoom Videoconferencing on the 24th and 25th February 2022, the Task Force formulated its Action Plan for 2022. This meeting will facilitate progress towards achievement of the objectives identified therein.

Spectrum Management Task Force Meeting Objectives: 26th - 28th July 2022

The main objectives of this July meeting, which is open to representatives of the Caribbean Spectrum Management Task Force, Steering Committee and other resource personnel are:

- to engage with industry stakeholders via presentations and discussions to update and gather new information to inform the work of the SMTF
- to facilitate meetings of the SMTF's topic-focussed working groups to expedite formulation of harmonised proposals for the consideration of the full SMTF
- to review status of and progress activities towards achievement of the objectives of the SMTF's Action Plan for 2022.

All information related to this meeting, including registration, agenda and documents, would be accessible via the event web page at <https://ctu.int/event/meeting-of-the-caribbean-spectrum-management-task-force/>.

Approved registrants will receive **an e-mail from Zoom** 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 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 is a videoconference 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
- Telecommunications industry associations and regional organisations
- International telecommunications organisations
- CTU Secretariat support staff.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

SESSION 1: 26 th July 2022		
Indicative Time (AST) (UTC-4)	Agenda Items	Lead / Presenter
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Welcome and Introductory Remarks	CTU/Chair SMTF
2:15 – 4:30 p.m.	Presentations and Engagements with Industry Stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CITELE PCC.II April 2022 Meeting Update • High Altitude IMT Base Stations (HIBS) • Fixed Satellite Services Issues in C-Band • Update on WRC-23 Mobile Service Issues 	Mr. Carmelo Rivera <i>ACES Corp</i> Mr. Shiro Fukumoto & Mr. Kentaro Sakata <i>Softbank</i> Mr. Adrian Herbera <i>Global VSAT Forum</i> Dr. Veena Rawat <i>GSMA</i>
4:30 – 4:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerations re Unlicensed or Dynamic Spectrum Access Wrap Up and Close of Session	Ms. Martha Suárez <i>DSA</i> SMTF Chair

SESSION 2: 27 th July 2022		
Indicative Time (AST) (UTC-4)	Agenda Items	Lead
10:00 – 10:05 a.m.	Day 1 Review and Day 2 & 3 Overview	Chairman SMTF
10:05 – 10:45 a.m.	Presentations and engagements with Industry Stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Trends re Harmonisation of Spectrum for 5G, Wi-Fi and Emergency Communications 	Mr. Nikolai Vassiliev <i>ITU</i>
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	BREAKOUTS: Working Group workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonisation of Priority Bands • Emergency Communications • Spectrum Pricing 	Working Group Chairs
12:15 – 12:30 p.m.	Wrap Up and Close of Session	SMTF Chair / CTU

SESSION 3: 28 th July 2022		
Indicative Time (AST) (UTC-4)	Agenda Items	Lead
10:00 – 10:10 a.m.	Day 1 & 2 Review and Day 3 Overview	SMTF Chair
10:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Status review of the 2022 Action Plan (including SMSC feedback and inputs from Working Groups) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assess action items and time frames - Update 2022 Action Plan items and time frames 	SMTF Chair / WG Chairs
12:10 – 12:30 p.m.	Any Other Business/ Wrap up END OF MEETING	CTU/SMTF Chair