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Agenda Day 1: 24 July 2025, New Delhi, India

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Registration and Networking Tea/Coffee

Inaugural Session: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Welcome Address and Opening Remarks

- Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI

Speeches by Guests of Honour and Chief Guest:

- Ms. Isabelle Mauro, Director General, Global Satellite Operators Association, GSOA
- Shri Gautam Sharma, MD, Viasat, India
- Ms. Revathi Mannepalli, Joint Wireless Advisor, Government of India and Member Radio Regulatory Board, ITU
- Shri Manish Sinha, Member Finance, DCC, Department of Telecommunications
- Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman, TRAI

Vote of Thanks

- Shri Satyen Gupta, Secretary General, IAFI

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM - Networking Tea/Coffee Break

11:30 AM - 13:00 PM

Session 1: India's Space Policy Framework and Recent Reforms

- Overview of Space Policy 2023
- Overview of Indian Telecom Act 2023
- Role of IN-SPACE in facilitating private sector participation
- Role of DOT and TRAI for licensing and spectrum assignments for Satcom services
- Recent TRAI Recommendation on Spectrum Pricing

Session Chair:

- Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI

Keynote Speakers:

- Shri Arun Agrawal, DDG Satellite, Department of Telecommunications
- Shri Vinay Paliwal, Deputy Director, Programme Management and Authorization Directorate, IN-SPACE, Department of Space, Govt. of India
- General Anil Kumar Bhatt, Director General, Indian Space Association (ISpA)
- Shri H Rayappa, Director, Satellite Communication Programme Office ISRO HQ, Govt. of India
- Mr. Tony Azzarelli, Vice President, Eutelsat One Web
- Dr. Laura Roberti, Director for Spectrum & Market Access, Telesat

(8-10 minute Speech/Presentation by each Speaker followed by Panel discussions)

13:00 PM - 14:00 PM - Networking lunch for participants

14:00 PM - 15:30 PM

Session 2: Spectrum Issues for satellite Services and WRC-27.

The session will cover WRC-27 agenda items 1.1 to 1.6

Session Chair:

- Ms. Revathi Mannepalli, Joint Wireless Advisor, Government of India and Member Radio Regulatory Board, ITU

Keynote Speakers:

- Shri Amit Gulati, Sr. DWA, WPC, Department of Telecommunications
- Dr. Laura Roberti, Director for Spectrum & Market Access, Telesat
- Ms. J Sofi, Associate Director (Frequency Management), Satellite Communication Programme Office ISRO HQ, India
- Ms. Marta Donate Fuente, Spectrum Engineer, Eutelsat OneWeb

(15 minute Presentation by each Speaker followed by Panel discussions)

15:30 PM - 16:00 PM - Networking Tea/Coffee Break

16:00 PM - 17:30 PM

Session 3: Present and Future Spectrum Needs of Defence services, Civil Aviation and Maritime Safety and Security

Policy for the present and future development of L-Band Mobile Satellite Services and preservation of an interference-free environment for critical L-band services.

Session Chair:

- Shri Gulab Chand, Joint Wireless Advisor, Government of India

Special Keynote Address:

The preservation of an interference-free environment for GMDSS

- Mr. Laurent Parente, Director General, International Mobile Satellite Organisation (IMSO) – [Live Video Speech]

Panel Speakers:

- Mr. John Dodd, Director of Safety Services, Inmarsat - The modernization of GMDSS & Inmarsat's safety Net Services
- Brig. Rahul Anand, Director JCES, Integrated Defence Staff, MOD, India: The importance of protecting the defence interests while various frequency bands are refarmed for Civilian use.
- Shri Vivek Banzal, Director, CFA, BSNL - Use of satellite communications' during disasters such as earthquakes, flooding, etc based on BSNL experience.
- Shri A S Yadav, Joint General Manager (Com), Airports Authority of India- The role of satellite communications for aeronautical safety services in Civil Aviation
- Ms. Donna Bethea-Murphy, SVP, Regulatory, Viasat, Preserving the L-band spectrum for future applications, including Direct to Device.
- Shri Lokesh Kabdal, Co-founder & CEO, AeroDome - The Evolution of GNSS: Past, Present, and the Need for Modernization.
- Mr. Bashir Patel, Senior Advisor, Policy, Regulatory, and Spectrum The critical use and future development of L-Band MSS.

18:00 PM - 19:00 PM - Networking Session with High Tea

Agenda Day 2: 25 July 2025

Workshop on Direct to Device Satellite communications

09:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Welcome and Registration

Inaugural Session: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Welcome Address and Opening Remarks

- Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI

Speeches by Guests of Honour and Chief Guest:

- Ms. Isabelle Mauro, Director General, Global Satellite Operators Association
- Shri Sanjay Aggarwal, Director, DCPW –Leveraging satellite Technologies and applications for Public Safety towards Viksit Bharat.
- Shri N K Bhola, Director WMO, Department of Telecommunications
- Shri Deb Kumar Chakrabarti, Advisor, Department of Telecommunications

Vote of Thanks

- Prof N K Goyal, Vice Chairman, IAFI

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM - Networking Tea/Coffee Break

11:15 AM - 12:45 PM

Session 4: Workshop on Direct to Device Satellite communications

- Spectrum Issues for D2D and MSS– WRC-27 Agenda Items 1.11, 1.12, 1.13 and 1.14
- D2D Technology, Regulations and Standards
- D2D Market Opportunities

11:15 AM - 12:05 PM Keynote Presentations:

Session Chair:

- Shri Gulab Chand, Joint Wireless Advisor, Department of Telecommunications

Keynote Speakers:

- Mr. Udrivolf Pica, Spectrum and Regulatory Affairs- ITU Lead, SpaceX
- Ms. Sonali Nanda, Deputy Director, PMAD, IN-SPACe
- Shri M P S Alawa, Joint Wireless Advisor, Department of Telecommunications
- Shri Jitendra Singh, Head, Government Affairs, Qualcomm

(8-10 minute Speech/Presentation by each Speaker followed by Panel discussions)

12:05 PM - 12:30 PM: Interactive Discussion on D2D

Session Moderator:

- Shri Pankaj Sharma, Partner Regulatory Consulting, EY

Panel Speakers:

- Mr. Udrivolf Pica, Spectrum and Regulatory Affairs- ITU Lead, SpaceX
- Ms. Sonali Nanda, Deputy Director, PMAD, IN-SPACE
- Shri M P S Alawa, Joint Wireless Advisor, Department of Telecommunications
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12:30 PM – 12:45 PM

Concluding Presentation: A view from Europe on D2D

- Mr. Chris Woolford, Director Ofcom, UK

12:45 PM - 13:30 PM

Session 5: Developments in Satellite IOT

Session Chair:

- Shri T R Dua, Chairman, IAFI

Keynote Speakers:

- Shri R S Singh, DDG (IOT), TEC
- Ms. Mariona Pazos Rovira, Regulatory Affairs and Licensing Specialist, Americas and APAC, Sateliot

13:30 PM - 14:30 PM - Networking lunch for participants

14:30 PM - 16:00 PM

Session 6: Viksit Bharat (Developed India): Leveraging satellite Technologies and applications

Session Chair:

- Shri Arun Agrawal, DDG Satellite, Department of Telecommunications

Keynote Speakers:

Format: Short speech or presentation (5 -7 minutes max) by each speaker followed by discussions and Q&A

- Shri Mukesh Kumar, DDG Radio, TEC - Leveraging satellite Technologies and applications towards Viksit Bharat (Developed India)
- Shri H Rayappa, Director, Satellite Communication Programme Office ISRO HQ, Govt. of India, –Leveraging space Technologies and applications for Viksit Bharat.
- Shri Sanjay Aggarwal, Director, DCPW –Leveraging satellite Technologies and applications for Public Safety towards Viksit Bharat.
- Shri Prabhat Dikshit, DDG (SMC), Department of Telecommunications - Leveraging satellite Technologies and applications for Telecom Services towards Viksit Bharat.
- Shri Utpal Bhowmick, India B2B Business Lead, Amazon Kuiper, Leveraging NGSO Technologies and applications for Viksit Bharat.
- Shri Alok Shankar Pandey, Group General Manager (Information Technology) & Chief Information Security Officer , Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. - Leveraging satellite Technologies and applications for Railways and Defence towards Viksit Bharat.

16:00 PM - 17:00 PM

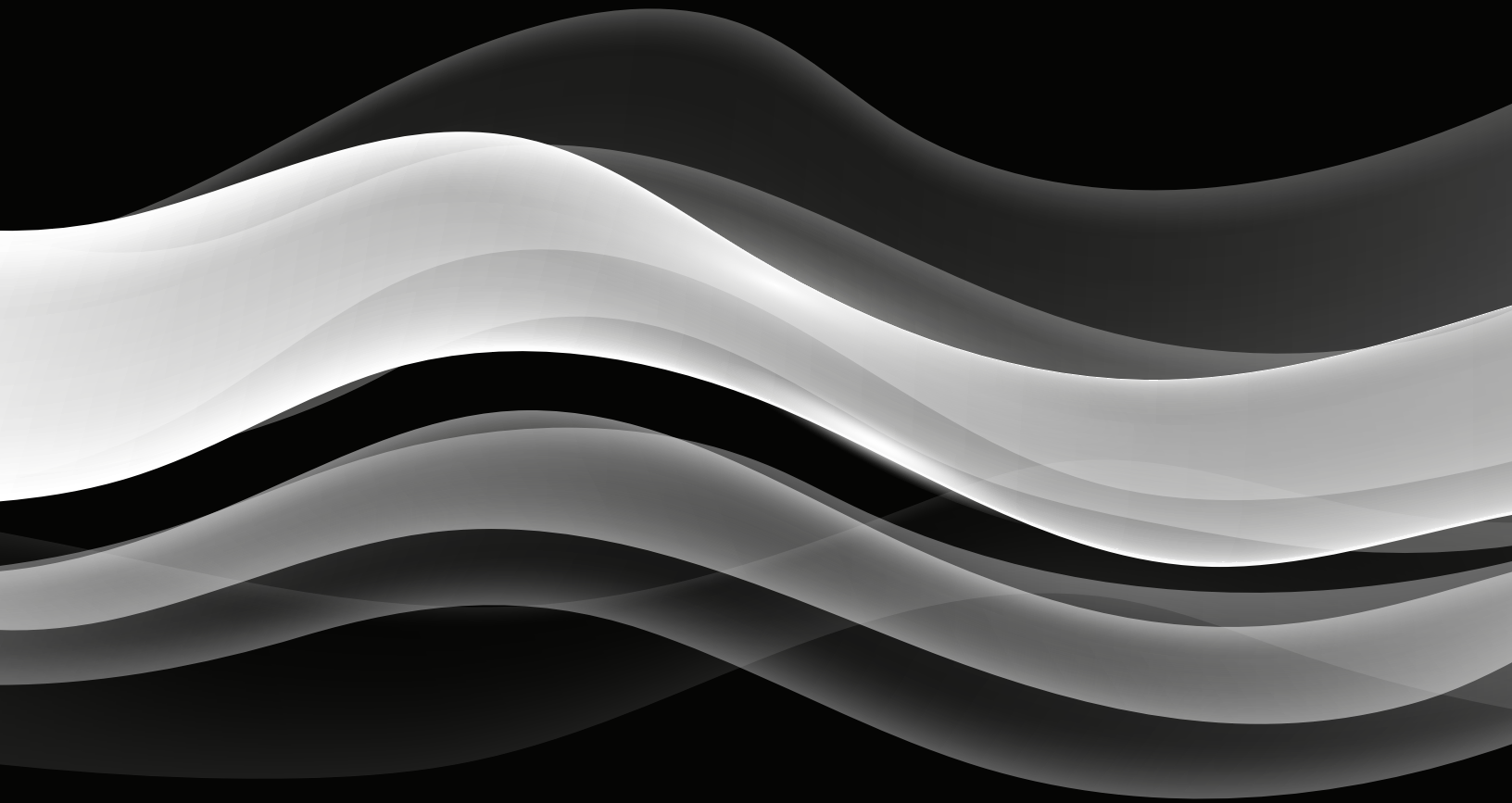
Closing and discussions on Space Sustainability

- Space Sustainability and debris Removal
- Summary of conference outcomes
- Future directions for India's space policy
- Group Picture
- Farewell remarks

Speakers:

- Shri H C Soni, Vice President, IAFI
- Ms. Donna Bethea-Murphy, SVP, Regulatory, Viasat
- Shri Bharat Bhatia, President IAFI

Closing Interactions with High tea- 17:00 PM – 18:00 PM



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