

Minutes of Meeting of National Preparatory Committee (NPC) for WRC 2023 held on 21.09.2022

A meeting of NPC for WRC-23 was held under the Chairmanship of Director, WMO Shri V.J. Christopher at Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi on 21st Sept, 2022 at 1100 Hrs to discuss APG 23-4 outcomes on various Agenda Items for WRC-23 and review the planned preparations for WRC-2023.

2. Shri. V.J. Christopher, Director WMO and NPC Chairman welcomed all the participants and apprised them about the APG 23-4 outcomes on the various Agenda Items that were to be discussed holistically and scope of future study/work required, if any. JWA (HQ) also welcomed the participants and deliberated comments/suggestions to the meeting on the agenda items. List of participants is attached as Annexure-I.

3. NPC working groups & International Spectrum Regulation Group presented outcomes of APG 23-4 meeting on the following allocated agenda items and scope of further study/suggestions were explored & discussed. It was informed that India submitted Preliminary Views to APG 23-4 meeting apart from agenda 1.1, agenda item 1.15, agenda item no. 7 and few agenda items of WG-2 and WG-5. It was discussed that these agenda items require more deliberations and stakeholder consultations which shall be completed before APG 23-5 meeting.

NPC WGs	Chairmen (Name, Designation, Email)	Topics (WRC 2023 Agenda Items)
WG-1	Sh. MPS Alawa, Sr. DWA ms.alawa@nic.in	Fixed, Mobile & Broadcasting issues (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 9.1 (c), Article 21.5)
WG-2	Smt. M. Revathi, Sr. DWA m.revathi@nic.in	Aeronautical and maritime issues (1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, 1.11)
WG-3	Sh. Ajay Singhal, Sr.DD singhal.ajay@nic.in	Science issues (1.12, 1.13, 1.14, 9.1(a) and 9.1 (d))
WG-4	Sh. M.K. Pattanaik, Sr. DWA pattanaik.mr@gov.in	Satellite issues (1.15, 1.16, 1.17, 1.18, 1.19, 7)
WG-5	Sh. Anil K. Soni, Sr. DD anilk.soni@nic.in	General issues (2, 4, 8, 9.1 (b) and 10)

4. Shri Gulab Chand. JWA (HQ) also suggested that all working Groups meetings wherein there is less participation/inputs from stakeholders; the concerned Chairman may acquaint stakeholders of the possible consequences of globally adopted spectrum regulations which may also affect their services. This would insight them to participate actively in the meetings of Working Groups and share their views/comments.

4.1 It is suggested that Working Groups are appropriate platform for stakeholders to discuss in detail the pros and cons of views in agenda items and to prepare well in advance for ITU/APT meetings. Hence, it is suggested that WGs shall make all endeavours to obtain inputs from major spectrum user ministries i.e. Department of Space, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Broadcasting etc. Also it is suggested that WG Chairmen may write at appropriate level to Ministry of Shipping and Ministry of Civil Aviation for inputs w.r.t. Aeronautical and Maritime issues.

5. There was a suggestion from the members of the meeting that a Standing Approval may be obtained for participation of all the Working Group Chairmen & their members to participate remotely in the meetings of Working Parties of ITU-R as well as APT meetings related to preparations for WRC-23.

6. The preliminary draft CPM report will be published by ITU in January 2023, however the draft CPM text as finalised by ITU-R Working Parties is available w.r.t. most WRC-2023 agenda items. NPC Working Groups may refer these through the respective Chairmen reports & begin stakeholder consultations to frame draft India Views for the next CPM 23-2 & APG23-5 meetings scheduled in the first quarter of 2023. NPC Work Plan for 2023 may be referred in this regard and WGs shall submit their tentative plans to the Chairman.

6.1 Further, all Working Groups shall take into account APG 23-4 outcomes. General Issues in Agenda items 2, 4, 8, 10 etc. were highlighted in the meeting and WG-5 shall start early deliberations on these agenda items to evolve a view for future meetings.

7. Meeting appreciated the work done by the NPC Working Groups so far for coordination with the stakeholders for preparing Indian contributions. All Working Groups Chairs were requested to continue the work for other upcoming meetings w.r.t. preparation of WRC-2023.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks.

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List of attendees in review Meeting of NPC on 21.09.2022

S. No.	Name and designation of Participant (Mr./Mrs.)
1	Shri V. J. Christopher Chairman of NPC and Director(WMO)
2	Shri Gulab Chand, JWA
3	Shri M. K. Pattanaik, Sr. DWA
4	Shri Ram Lagan Ram, Sr. DWA
5	Shri PSM Tripathi, DWA
6	Shri Sachin Kumar, AWA
7	Shri Arun Kumar, AWA
8	Shri Preetam Meena, Engineer
9	Shri Sandeep Kumar, Engineer
10	Ms Shalini Gupta, Engineer
11	Shri Dalbeer Singh , JWO
	Remote Participation
12	Shri M P S Alawa, Sr. DWA
13	Shri Anil Kumar Soni, Sr. DWA
14	Shri Ajay Singhal, Sr. DWA
15	Shri Vishal Singh Yadav, DWA
16	Shri R C Malik, E-i-C
17	Ms K Radhika, AWA
18	Shri Pratik Srivastava, Engineer