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**Office Memorandum**

Subject: **Constitution of National Preparatory Committee for World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (NPC).**

ITU's Council 2020 meeting Resolution 1399 dated 01.08.2020 resolves to convene a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) in 2023, preceded by the Radiocommunication Assembly. WRC 2023 will consider 19 agenda items (agenda items 1.1 to 1.19), 4 issues (agenda item 9.1) pertaining to report of Director, Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) and 9 standing agenda items (agenda items 2 to 10) w.r.t. Revision in Radio Regulation 2020.

2. In this regard, Department of Telecommunications has constituted National Preparatory Committee (NPC) for WRC 2023 and decided that Shri V.J. Christopher, JWA, WPC Wing ([vj.christopher@nic.in](mailto:vj.christopher@nic.in)) will Chair the NPC for WRC 2023. NPC Structure for WRC-2023 comprises of five Working Groups in line with ITU's Conference Preparatory Meeting Report (input document for WRC 2023) and APT Preparatory Group (APG 23 Asia Pacific's regional group).

3. The structure of NPC for WRC-23 alongwith its five Working Groups (WGs) is given below:

National Preparatory Committee for WRC 2023 (NPC)		
NPC WGs	Chairmen (Name, Designation, Email)	Topics (WRC 2023 Agenda Items)
WG-1	Sh. MPS Alawa, Sr. DWA <a href="mailto:ms.alawa@nic.in">ms.alawa@nic.in</a>	Fixed, Mobile and 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 <a href="mailto:m.revathi@nic.in">m.revathi@nic.in</a>	Aeronautical and maritime issues (1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, 1.11)
WG-3	Sh. Ajay Singhal, Sr.DD <a href="mailto:singhal.ajay@nic.in">singhal.ajay@nic.in</a>	Science issues (1.12, 1.13, 1.14, 9.1(a) and 9.1 (d))
WG-4	Sh. M.K. Pattanaik, Sr. DWA <a href="mailto:pattanaik.mr@gov.in">pattanaik.mr@gov.in</a>	Satellite issues (1.15, 1.16, 1.17, 1.18, 1.19, 7)
WG-5	Sh. Anil K. Soni, Sr. DD <a href="mailto:anilk.soni@nic.in">anilk.soni@nic.in</a>	General issues (2, 4, 8, 9.1 (b) and 10)

4. Terms of Reference for National Preparatory Committee (NPC)

4.1 NPC Chairman will steer the work of all five Working Groups. He will look into the study done by WGs as per provisions of Radio Regulations, ITU-R Reports, ITU-R Recommendations, and bound to protect the existing assignments. NPC chairman will also ensure that the study done by WGs are transparent and all the stakeholders views are heard. He will steer the work of WGs in order to timely complete the studies on WRC23 agenda items. NPC Chairman will submit the report/recommendations to WPC Wing for further examination, approval and submission to relevant APT/ITU meetings.

4.2 NPC Working groups: There will be five working Group(WG) corresponding to the five Conference Preparatory Meeting Report 23-1 chapters. Each working group will be allocated agenda items as per CPM23-1 for WRC23. Working Group chairman will consider the existing users, future interest of stakeholder, Radio Regulations (RR), ITU-R Report, ITU-R Recommendation, progress of studies at ITU-R etc. Working Group chairman will advance the studies on agenda items for WRC23 considering the input contributions from stakeholders and by holding discussions on it with other stakeholders to update/form the national views. WG Chairmen will submit progress reports/recommendations/draft contributions to NPC Chair at regular intervals as per NPC work plan/schedule.

5. National Preparatory Committee/ Working Groups shall invite stakeholders for providing inputs/views on the WRC 23 agenda items and any other topics as deemed necessary. Moreover, all stakeholders are encouraged to contribute in the preparatory process towards WRC-23. In this regard, stakeholders may contact the NPC Chair and respective Working Group Chair as and when necessary for filing their submissions on any issues related to the agenda items handled by the working groups.

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To: 1. NPC Chairman and NPC Working Groups *with Annexure: Roles and Responsibilities*  
2. All Stakeholders

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