

Regulatory Experts Group of the 22nd ISRMM

Virtual event

Welcome and Opening Remarks

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Distinguished speakers and participants from the ITU Members States who are attending this online meeting from all over the world:

Most of you have already participated in the Industry days yesterday and on Tuesday, so it is my renewed pleasure to welcome you, this time at the Regulatory Experts Group of the 22nd International Space Radio Monitoring Meeting hosted by ITU.

During the previous two days, which attracted more than 500 participants from over 80 countries, industry presented several innovative solutions in satellite monitoring, space agencies described the current situation of interference affecting the Earth Exploration Satellite Services in some frequency bands as well as possible mitigation techniques, and the ITU-R Study Groups Department summarized the activities on Spectrum Monitoring being carried out by the Radiocommunications Bureau. Emphasis was made on the importance of reporting cases of interference affecting space services, for which this Bureau has developed an online tool called SIRRS to facilitate the exchange of information.

As I mentioned previously, ITU has signed Cooperation Agreements with several Administrations having monitoring facilities and we are planning to sign more in a near future.

In terms of preventive measures, the ITU-R Sector and the Radiocommunications Bureau contribute to the development of standards and to the preparatory work for the World Radiocommunication Conferences that will support the introduction of new systems and greater spectrum compatibility, as well as to the processing of satellite projects submitted by Administrations for coordination, notification, and its final recording in the MIFR.

Regulators are the main contributors not only to this international process, but also to ensuring that the radio stations under their jurisdiction are licensed and operated in compliance with the ITU Radio Regulations.

All these actions contribute to achieving the objectives stated in the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference Resolution 186 aimed at enhancing the reliability and availability of satellite systems by preventing and resolving cases of harmful interference affecting space services.

Having said that, I must also mention that all these efforts would be worthless if they are not carried out collectively. The cooperation among the Member States, which characterizes this organization, is vital to ensuring the operation of space services free of harmful interference.

I encourage you to continue working in this collaborative spirit while exercising the invaluable role that Regulators have in our society, for which this Radiocommunication Bureau is committed to providing all the assistance that may be required.

Ladies and gentlemen, I invite you again, not only to enjoy and participate actively in this session dedicated to Regulators, but more importantly, to apply the concepts that you will learn.

Have a good meeting!