

**ITU Regional Workshop for CIS Countries**  
**"Implementation of the decisions of the RA-19 and WRC-19"**

*Online event*

***Opening Remarks***

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Mr. Valery Butenko, Chairman of RCC Commission on the Regulation of the Use of the Radio Frequency Spectrum and Satellite Orbits,

Dear colleagues and friends,

A very good morning to you all.

It is my pleasure to address you today to deliver opening remarks at this regional Workshop for the Commonwealth of Independent States. It has become a good tradition for the Radiocommunications Bureau, in cooperation with the Moscow Regional Office, to organize such Workshops after each regional Spectrum Management Conference. In this way, the information of the Conference is naturally complemented by the training and practical exercises in regulations, software, and tools.

I would also like to take the opportunity of the presence of Mr. Valery Butenko today, to thank him personally for the important and highly professional work that the RCC Commission on the Regulation of the Use of the Radio Frequency Spectrum and Satellite Orbits is doing, as well as for the fruitful cooperation that the Commission has had with the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau under his leadership.

Dear participants,

This year, the main topic of the Workshop is the implementation of the WRC-19 decisions. As you are aware, any WRC is the highest decision-making entity for international radiocommunications. It allocates necessary frequency resources and establishes international regulations for emerging wireless technologies, while protecting existing radiocommunication services. WRC's decisions create a stable regulatory framework for the entire radiocommunication ecosystem safeguarding telecom investments.

WRC-19 took decisions on spectrum allocation and regulatory frameworks for several important terrestrial and space applications, such as IMT, HAPS, RLANs, large NGSO satellite networks, thus facilitating the digital transformation of society and helping to reduce the digital divide.

Dear colleagues,

The completion of each WRC marks the end of a cycle and opens a very important phase where regulators, industry and the ITU implement the decisions of the conference. Approximately, a one-year period is allocated for this purpose. In the case of the last conference, most of the of the Final Acts entered into force on 1 January 2021, which is 13 months later.

During this time, administrations update their national frequency allocation tables and other relevant documentation, modify software, and renew licenses. The Radiocommunication Bureau undertakes similar activities. The BR prepares the new edition of the Radio Regulations, modifies the existing Rules of Procedure, amends the databases and computer programs, and updates its documentation.

One of the crucial elements of the post-Conference work for the Radiocommunication Bureau is the assistance to countries in the implementation of different Conference resolutions and the response to numerous questions and requests for clarification.

I highly value this activity and personally follow the assistance to the administrations, especially to developing countries. For example, the Bureau has been paying great attention to the implementation of Resolution 559, which allows certain countries in Regions 1 and 3 to replace their degraded assignments in the Appendices 30 and 30A Plans for BSS. The Bureau is currently providing support to several CIS members in implementing this Resolution.

The Bureau has also conducted frequency coordination activities in the sub-Saharan Africa, Arab countries, Caribbean and Central America regions in the VHF and UHF bands, on their request. This has greatly facilitated the process of transitioning from analog to Digital Television and allocating the Digital Dividend taking into account mutual compatibility among broadcasting and mobile stations.

We are ready to provide a similar assistance to your countries, for example by organizing multilateral coordination meetings with Administrations outside RCC. The completion of this activity would be beneficial for all users of the UHF band. It would also help for the preparation for WRC-23 with regards to the discussions on the 470 – 694 MHz band. In that respect, two hours of the Workshop that is starting today will be dedicated to BR software for sound and television broadcasting.

Concerning other BR software, I am glad to inform you that we have released the up-to-date RR5 Table of Frequency allocations software and we are updating the Radio Regulations Navigation Tool. These tools ease the navigation and analysis of regulatory provisions of the Radio Regulations and link the Radio Regs with the Rules of Procedure and with ITU-R Recommendations. They also help administrations trace the history and compare the changes in the RR since 2001 and provide the means to extract National table of frequency allocations, based on the provisions of the Article 5 of the Radio Regulations. These tools will be also presented at the Workshop.

Dear friends,

I have been working with CIS countries for many years, and I highly recognize the professionalism and competence of your specialists. That is why, this Workshop starts with presentations of several well-known experts from your Region and finishes by the round table to share the experience in spectrum management amongst the CIS administrations.

A significant part of the Workshop will focus on new or modified software and tools and will be delivered by a large team of engineers of the Radiocommunication Bureau.

I invite you to take full advantage of the presence of BR's specialists, to follow the training and ask questions. This event is an excellent opportunity to clarify any questions you may have on the implementation of WRC-19 decisions. BR's team is here to assist you whenever you may need our support.

I would like to conclude my speech by wishing you a very useful and fruitful Workshop.

Thank you for your attention.