

Meeting of CPG27-2

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Opening Remarks (pre-recorded)

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Mr. Chair,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning.

I appreciate the opportunity to address you at the opening of this second meeting of CPG27, and I would like to extend my gratitude to Stephen Talbot, the chair of this group, for his kind invitation. I regret to be unable to join you in person for the second time this year. I hope to have more luck next year with the dates that you will schedule for the CPG meetings.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate the newly appointed CPG Vice-Chairs, the Chairs of the Project Teams, and all the agenda item coordinators for accepting these demanding responsibilities.

Dear colleagues,

Since the first meeting of CPG27, significant ITU events have taken place related to the implementation of RA-23 and WRC-23 decisions, as well as preparations for RA-27 and WRC-27.

In June, the ITU Council approved Resolution 1422, which contains the WRC-27 agenda, mirroring the agenda items as in WRC-27 Resolution 813. This Council Resolution was subsequently agreed upon by ITU Member States by correspondence.

I thank the Council members for their support in securing the financial resources required for the BR to implement the decisions of WRC-23.

In fact, the Radiocommunication Bureau has been updating the various BR software applications and databases to reflect the modifications of the 2024 edition of the Radio Regulations and implement the decisions of the Conference, which enter into force on the 1st of January 2025.

In August, the 2024 version of the Radio Regulations was published, along with the new version of RR Table of Frequency Allocations Software, which has been presented in BR Workshops around the world.

We are in the process of publishing the 2024 edition of the Maritime Manual, which is an important publication used by the maritime sector to enhance the safety of life at sea.

The review of existing and development of new Rules of Procedures have also progressed well, facilitating the understanding and use of revised or new RR provisions adopted at WRC-23.

In response to ITU PP-22 Resolution 219 and RA-23 Resolution 74, the ITU Space Sustainability Forum 2024 was held in September. This event demonstrated a broad consensus among governments and the industry on the need for coordinated, pragmatic, and inclusive actions to ensure the long-term viability of space radiocommunications systems for current and future generations, with ITU playing a key role in convening all required space stakeholders.

The next ITU Space Sustainability Forum is planned in October 2025.

Just a week ago, we held the 2024 edition of the World Radiocommunication Seminar (WRS-24) with a record-breaking participation of 900 attendees (both in-person and online).

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Preparations for WRC-27 are also continuing within the ITU-R study groups and working parties, where all the study groups have now appointed their vice-chairs.

The possible dates in the 4th Quarter of 2027 for RA-27 and WRC-27 were noted by the ITU Council, pending its future decision on the venue and final dates for these events.

Consequently, the members of the CPM-27 Management Team agreed on the deadline of 23 October 2026 for the preparation of the draft CPM texts. This deadline is based on the possibility of planning the second session of the CPM-27 in April 2027.

We count on the continued efforts of the ITU-R membership to provide contributions to the concerned working parties to advance their work, and I am pleased to see the usual commitment of the CEPT members in this regard, with the numerous constructive contributions already provided.

Some other aspects will require special attention in the coming months to ensure that all the possible scenarios resulting from new allocations at WRC-27 are carefully studied to avoid the need for more rules of procedures a posteriori or an increase in the number of cases of harmful interference in the future.

The BR has also provided several contributions to assist the preparatory studies for WRC-27, including within WP 4A, dealing with WRC-27 agenda item 7 and six other specific agenda items on satellite-related aspects.

Regarding the preparations for RA-27, some activities have been initiated within the RAG Correspondence Group on the CPM process, with special consideration on the second session of the CPM. Despite the lack of contributions provided to this group at this stage, I am aware of ongoing discussions on this subject. I encourage you to continue these discussions and provide elements for consideration to the Correspondence Group or at the next RAG meeting scheduled for April next year.

Dear Friends,

As we move forward in this new 4 year-cycle, it is encouraging to note that the work within the regional organizations on various WRC-27 agenda items seems to be progressing well and preliminary views are being developed for several agenda items.

The six regional groups preparing for WRC-27 are now well organized. This should facilitate the implementation of WRC Resolution 72 with both formal and informal meetings and exchanges.

It should also facilitate the consideration of the role of the regional coordinators before and during WRC-27, to review the consensus-building mechanism that helps to enhance mutual understanding and find common ground across regions while capturing the different views within each one of them.

Mr. Chair,

I recognize the valuable contribution of CEPT in supporting the work of the ITU-R and the important role you play in conducting the regional preparations for WRC-27.

I also acknowledge CEPT's participation in the NOW4WRC27 initiative. I thank you for your contribution towards increasing gender balance in the ITU Radiocommunication Sector.

The Radiocommunication Bureau continues at your disposal to assist CEPT and its Administrations throughout this process.

I wish you fruitful discussions.

Thank you very much.