

ITU-R Update:

IMT-2030 (6G)

Uwe Löwenstein
Counsellor, ITU-R SG 5





Table of Contents

- ITU Organisation
- IMT-Family and naming conventions
- IMT-Process
- ITU-R Work on IMT-Satellite/NTN
- IMT-2030 in ITU-R and ITU-T

Helpful links



International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies – ICTs.

- One of 15 special organizations which are legally and organizationally independent, but part of "UN-family"
- Founded in 1865 to facilitate international connectivity in communications networks,

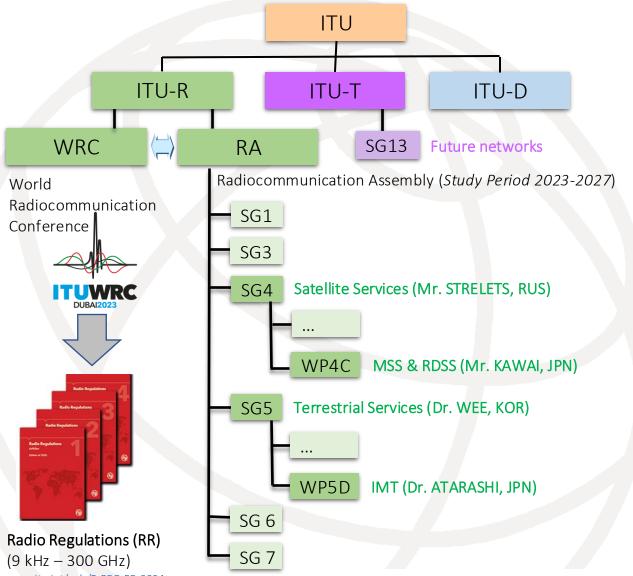


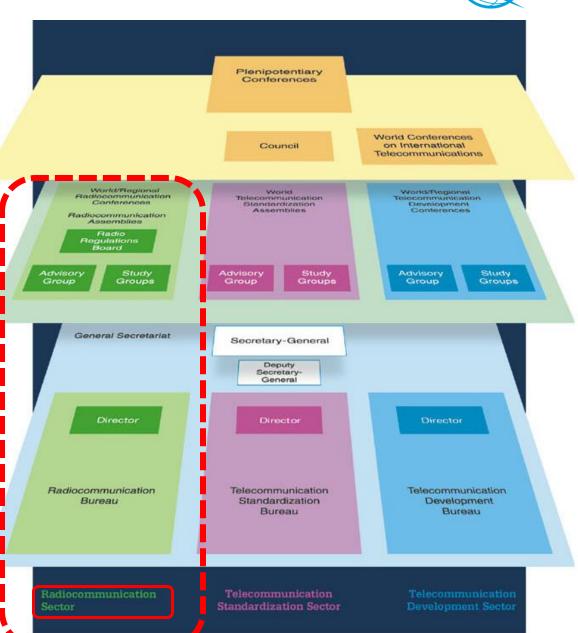
We are responsible to

- allocate global radio spectrum for wireless services (terrestrial, maritime and aeronautical),
- coordinate the world's satellites through the management of spectrum and orbits,
- develop the technical standards that ensure networks and technologies seamlessly
 interconnect, and strive to improve access to ICTs to underserved communities worldwide,
- helps support communications in the wake of disasters and emergencies.



Overall structure of the ITU







IMT and ITU-R M.2160



IMT-Family and naming conventions Resolution ITU-R. 56 "Naming for IMT"

Documents for previous IMTgenerations, see "IMT-Family History" (annex)

International Mobile Telecommunication (IMT)

Name

Rec.

Radio Interface **Technology** (RIT)

Year

1st / latest publication (as of 1. October 2024) **IMT-2000**

ITU-R M.1457-15

- IMT-2000 CDMA DS
- IMT-2000 CDMA MC
- IMT-2000 CDMA TDD
- IMT-2000 TDMA SC
- IMT-2(RIT)000 FDMA/TDMA
- IMT 2000 OFDMA TDD WirelessMAN

05/2000 - 10/2020

IMT-Advanced

ITU-R M.2012-6

- LTE-Advanced
- WirelessMAN-Advanced

02/2014 - 12/2023

IMT-2020

ITU-R M.2150-2

- 3GPP 5G-SRIT
- 3GPP 5G-RIT
- 5Gi ³
- DECT 5G-SRIT
- 3 In Document 5D/926, TSDSI indicates that the 5Gi technology is merged into the 3GPP 5G specifications from Release 17 forward, and that TSDSI does not intend to submit proposals

to WP5D for any further updates of 5Gi

02/2021 - 12/2023

IMT-2030

Res. ITU-R 56-3 (Rev. WRC-23)

- recognising j
- resolves 4 ... that the term "IMT-2030" be applied to those systems

2030?



Market name





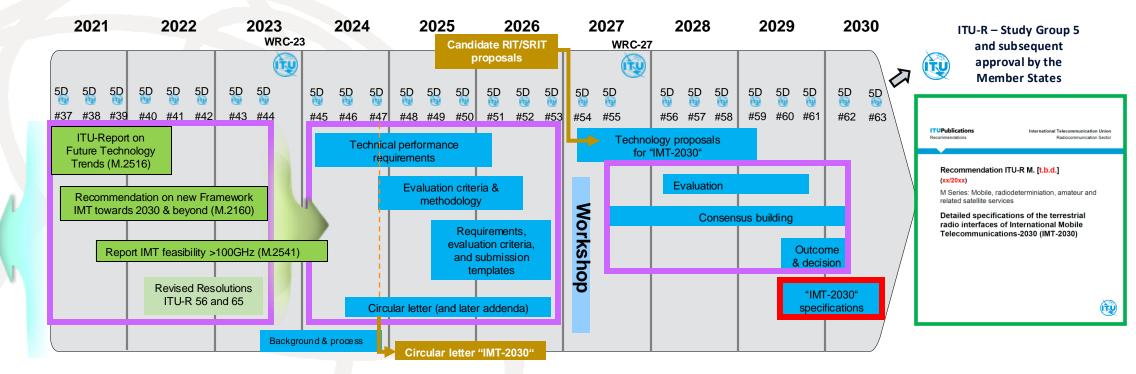
"5G"



"6G"



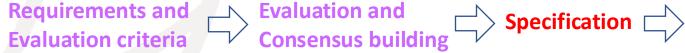
ITU-R Timeline and Process



Note 1: WP 5D #59 will additionally organize a workshop involving the Proponents and registered Independent Evaluation Groups (IEGs) to support the evaluation process Note 2: While not expected to change, details may be adjusted if warranted. Content of deliverables to be defined by responsible WP 5D groups













Overall framework for IMT-2030

Report ITU-R M.2516 - Future Technology Trends *

• This Report provides a broad view of **future technical aspects** of terrestrial IMT systems considering the timeframe up to 2030 and beyond, characterized with respect to **key emerging services**, **applications trends and relevant driving factors**.

Drivers for future technologies

trends, services, applications and enablers

Technologies to enhance the radio interface Technology enablers to enhance the radio network

 The technology trends of terrestrial IMT systems described in Report ITU-R M.2516 are applicable to radio interfaces, mobile terminals, and radio access networks by considering the timeframe up to 2030 and beyond

Report ITU-R M.2541 - Feasibility of IMT above 100 GHz *

This report investigates the technical feasibility of IMT >92 GHz and indicates that utilizing the bands above 92 GHz is
feasible for studied IMT deployment scenarios and could be considered for IMT-2030

Recommendation ITU-R M.2160 - New Framework for IMT-2030

* Note: Detailed inventory, see Annex



ITU-R M.2160 "Framework for IMT-2030"

Main body (Preamble)

Scope

Keywords

Abbreviations/Glossary

Related documents

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

considering

considering further

recognizing

recommends

that the Annex should be considered as the framework and the overall objectives to guide the future develop ment of IMT-2030.

Annex

Table of Contents

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Trends of IMT-2030
- 2.1 Motivation and societal considerations
- 2.2 User and application trends
- 2.3 Technology trends
- 2.4 Envisaged frequency bands
- 2.5 Spectrum harmonization
- 2.6 Studies on technical feasibility of IMT in bands above 100 GHz
- 3 Usage scenarios of IMT-2030
- 4 Capabilities of IMT-2030
- 5 Considerations of ongoing development
- 5.1 Relationships
- 5.2 Timelines
- 5.3 Focus areas for further study

Why is IMT-2030 (6G) needed? IMT-2030 expected benefits

Trend and prospect of 6G features/technology/spectrum in around 2030

Guidance of 6G features

Guidance of 6G capabilities to fulfil usage scenarios

Relationship with existing IMTs and other access systems
Roadmap for technology/standardization/deployment/spectrum



ITU-R M.2160 (§2) - Trends

§ 2.1 Motivation and societal considerations

IMT-2030 is expected to be an important enabler for achieving the following characteristics, among others:

- Inclusivity
- Ubiquitous connectivity
- Sustainability
- Innovation
- Enhanced and resilience
- Standardization and interoperability
- Interworking

§ 2.3 Technology trends

- § 2.3 Technology trends
 - "Summary of Future Technology Trends (FTT)"
- Emerging technology trends and enablers
- Technologies to enhance the radio interface
- Technology enablers to enhance the radio network

§ 2.6 IMT in bands above 100 GHz

§ 2.2 User and application trends

9 trends Ubiquitous intelligence Immersive multimedia and Digital twin and virtual world Ubiquitous computing multi-sensory interactions Smart industrial Digital health Ubiquitous Integration of sensing Sustainability and well-being and communication applications connectivity

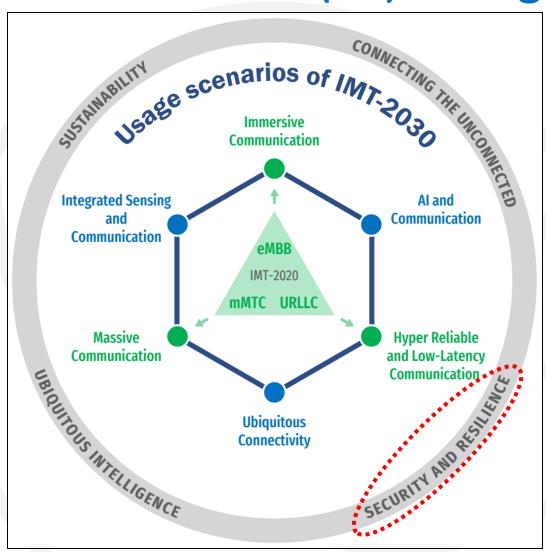
§ 2.4 Envisaged frequency bands and § 2.5 Spectrum harmonization

- § 2.4. Multiple frequency ranges will be needed to meet the capacity and coverage requirements of IMT systems and to serve the emerging services and applications. New generations of IMT may expect new spectrum for increasing data rates, capacity, new applications and to provide for new capabilities. IMT-2030 is envisaged to utilize a wide range of frequency bands ranging from sub-1 GHz up to frequency bands above 100 GHz. Low bands will continue to be crucial to enable nationwide coverage, in particular addressing the digital divide and expanding coverage to unconnected areas.
- § 2.5. The benefits of spectrum harmonization include facilitating economies of scale, enabling global roaming, reducing complexity of equipment design, improving spectrum efficiency including potentially reducing cross border interference. Harmonization of spectrum for IMT would lead to increased commonality of equipment and is desirable for achieving economies of scale and affordability of equipment, thus promoting digital inclusion.

The development of IMT for 2030 and beyond is expected to enable new use cases and applications with high data rate and low latency, which will benefit from large contiguous bandwidths of tens of GHz. This suggests the need to consider spectrum in higher frequency ranges above 92 GHz as a complement to the use of lower frequency bands.



ITU-R M.2160 (§3) - Usage scenarios for IMT-2030



6 Usage scenarios

Extension from IMT-2020 (5G)

eMBB \rightarrow Immersive Communication

mMTC

Massive Communication

URLLC → HRLLC (Hyper Reliable & Low-Latency Communication)

New

Ubiquitous Connectivity
Al and Communication
Integrated Sensing and Communication

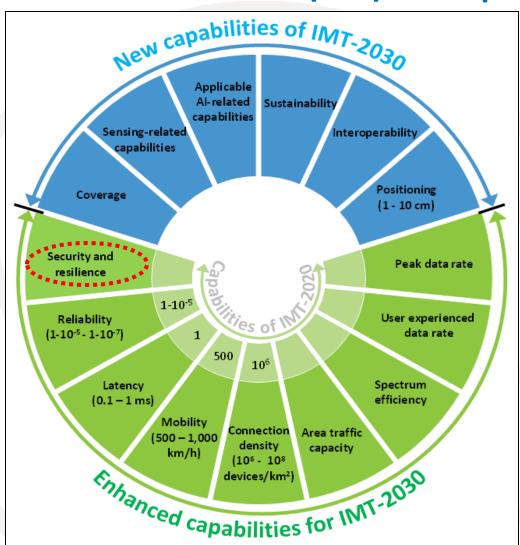
4 Overarching aspects

act as design principles commonly applicable to all usage scenarios

- Sustainability
- Connecting the unconnected,
- Ubiquitous intelligence,
- Security / resilience



ITU-R M.2160 (§4) - Capabilities of IMT-2030



IMT-2030 Framework Recommendation identifies **15 capabilities** for 6G technology

• Nine of those capabilities are derived from existing 5G systems

The range of values given for capabilities are estimated targets for research and investigation of IMT-2030

- All values in the range have equal priority in research and investigation
- For each usage scenario, a single or multiple values within the range would be developed in future in other ITU-R Recommendations/Reports

IMT-2030 is also expected to help address the need for increased environmental, social and economic sustainability, and also support the goals of the Paris Agreement of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change



ITU-R M.2160 (§5) - Relationship and Timelines

§ 5.1 Relationships

 § 5.1.1 Relationship between IMT-2030 and existing IMT

Enhancements to existing IMT Interworking with existing IMT

 § 5.1.2 Relationship between IMT-2030 and other access systems

Interworking between different access networks

such as non-terrestrial network of IMT (including satellite, HIBS and UASs)

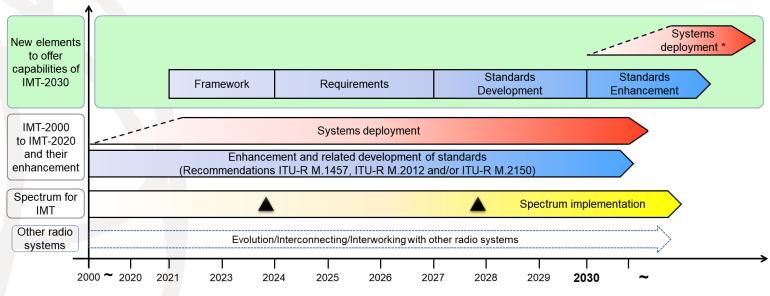
as well as with other non-IMT terrestrial networks (including RLAN and broadcast)

§ 5.3 Focus areas for further study

- Radio interface(s) standards development
- Access network related issues
- Traffic characteristics
- Spectrum related issues

§ 5.2 Timelines

- Roadmap for technology/standard development, deployment and spectrum
- In addition, enhancement of existing IMTs and relationship with other radio systems



The sloped dotted lines in systems deployment indicate that the exact starting point cannot yet be fixed.

- Possible spectrum identification at WRC-23, WRC-27 and future WRCs
- : Systems to satisfy the technical performance requirements of IMT-2030 could be developed before year 2030 in some countries.
- : Possible deployment around the year 2030 in some countries (including trial systems)



ITU-R Work on IMT-Satellite/NTN

NTN in the ITU-R "Framework" for IMT-2030 (Rec. ITU-R M.2160)

"The Non-Terrestrial Network (NTN) will complement existing terrestrial mobile networks and enhance the next generation of mobile networks and services, striving to improve connectivity for users in unserved and underserved areas, benefiting both consumers and industries."

From the very beginning of the IMT-development, a satellite component was part of the ITU-R work and a series of ITU-R Recommendations for the satellite component for the according IMT generation has been developed:

IMT-2000

Recommendations ITU-R M.818-2, M.1167, M.1182-1, M.1850-2 and M.2014-1

IMT-Advanced

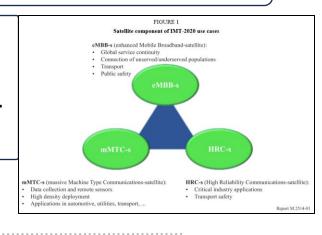
Recommendation ITU-R M.2047

IMT-2020

- Report <u>ITU-R M.2514</u> Vision, requirements and evaluation guidelines for the satellite radio interface(s) of IMT-2020
- Ongoing work in ITU-R WP 4B regarding the according IMT-process, incl. the evaluation of potential RIT-candidates

IMT-2030

t.b.d.

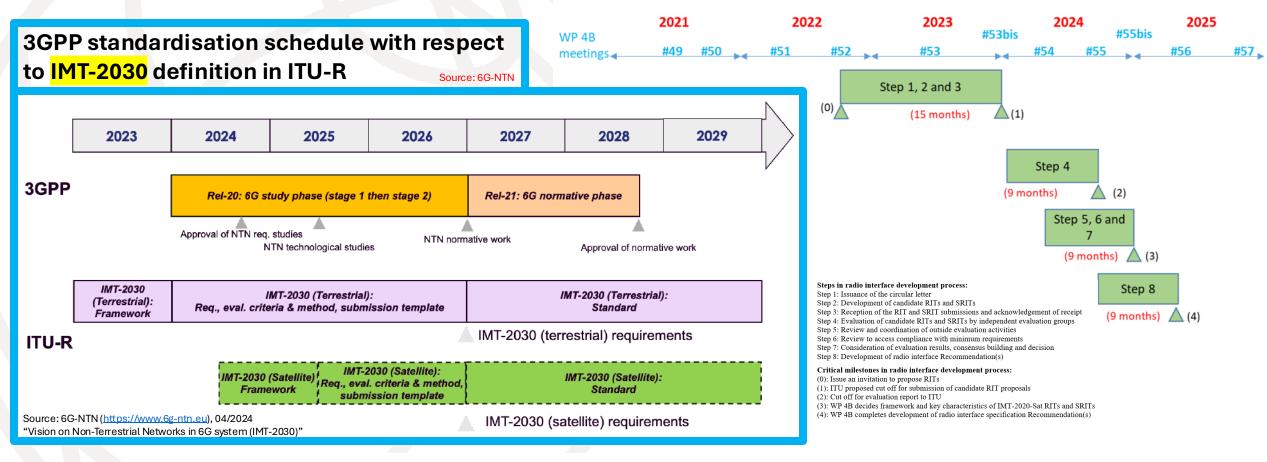




Timeline and ITU-R Process (satellite component)

ITU-R (<u>WP 4B</u>) maintains several documents addressing the underlying IMT-process for developing the satellite component of <u>IMT-2020</u>. One is the "Submission and evaluation process and consensus building for satellite radio interface technology proposals of IMT-2020" (ITU-R IMT-2020.SAT/02).

Schedule for the development of IMT-2020 satellite radio interface Recommendations





3GPP "Phase 3" (Link)*: NTN for New Radio (NR) <> NTN for Internet of Things (IoT)

* https://www.3gpp.org/news-events/3gpp-news/5g-ntn

Spectrum:

MSS spectrum <> IMT-bands

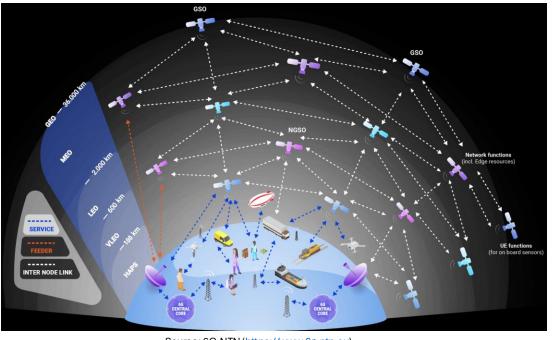
MSS (3GPP bands): n254, n255, n256 and n510, n511, n512-

IMT: current studies for 694-2700 MHz (WRC-27 AI 1.13)

Radio technology: **IMT-Technology** [Y/N]

- **Relevant assumptions**
 - 1 single user-device <> massive user-devices (UE)
 - Fixed UE <> Mobile UE (moving speed)
 - **Enable indoor-coverage**
 - Many more ...

Band	UL	DL	3GPP
n254	1,610.0-1,626.5 MHz	2,483.5-2,500.0 MHz	Rel. 18
n255	1,626.5-1,660.5 MHz	1,525.0-1,559.0 MHz	Rel. 17
n256	1,980.0-2,010.0 MHz	2,170.0-2,200.0 MHz	Rel. 17
n510-n512	27.5-30.0 GHz	17.7-20.2 GHz	Rel. 18
«Ku-Band»	12.75-14.5 GHz (tbc)	10.7.12.75 GHz (tbc)	Rel. 19





3x Vision / Framework in ITU-R

Satellite (ITU-R SG 4)

- Report <u>ITU-R M.2514</u> "Vision, requirements and evaluation for satellite RIT(s) of IMT-2020"
- PD New Recommendation ITU-R M.[IMT 2020-SAT.SPECS]

Broadcasting (ITU-R SG 6)

- Report <u>ITU-R BT.2522</u> "A framework for the future of broadcasting"
- Report <u>ITU-R BT.2524</u> "A framework for future of broadcast production"

IMT (ITU-R SG 5)

 Recommendation <u>ITU-R M.2160</u> - "Framework and overall objectives of the future development of IMT for 2030 and beyond"







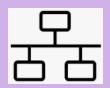
ITU-T SG 13

Future networks and emerging network technologies

- ITU-T Y.3100 (09/17) Terms and definitions for IMT-2020 network
- ITU-T Y Suppl. 59: Y.3100-series (11/22) IMT-2020 standardisation roadmap
- <u>ITU-T X.1814</u> (09/22) Security guidelines for IMT-2020

Study Period 2022-2024

- ITU-T Question 20/13 "Networks beyond IMT-2020 machine learning: Requirements & architecture"
- New <u>ITU-T Question 23/13</u> "IMT-2030 networks: Fixed, mobile and satellite convergence"
- <u>Draft New Recommendation ITU-T Y.3216</u> (EX Y.FMSC-DCN) "Fixed, Mobile and Satellite convergence distributed core network for IMT-2020 networks and beyond" (25.07.24)





Summary

- The new "Framework Recommendation" ITU-R M.2160 for IMT-2030 describes the overall
 objectives including use cases. This marks the achievement of the initial phase, setting the basis for
 the development of IMT-2030. The next phase (2024-2027) will be the definition of relevant
 requirements and evaluation criteria for potential radio interface technologies (RIT) for the
 terrestrial component of IMT-2030.
- The satellite component of IMT ("NTN") has always been a part of the IMT-development, but now with the evolution of underlying satellite technologies, the development of the satellite
 component for IMT-2020 (and IMT-2030) will enable the delivery of IMT-service to those places
 where it is technically very difficult or cost too much to deliver with terrestrial network.
- Essential part of the IMT-process is liaison with External Organizations to receive contributions covering and elaborating future trends and new services ...
 - ... but also, internal liaison within ITU (other ITU-R Study Groups and ITU-sectors)





ITU - Radiocommunication Bureau

Questions to brmail@itu.int or uwe.loewenstein@itu.int

Uwe LÖWENSTEIN

Counsellor for ITU-R Study Group 5 (SGD/SG5)

International Telecommunication Union

Tel: +41 22 730 6046 | Fax: +41 22 730 5806

Mobile: + 41 79 89 37378

www.itu.int uwe.loewenstein@itu.int



Helpful links

More about ITU https://www.itu.int/en/about/Pages/default.aspx

ITU-Journal on Future and Evolving Technologies https://www.itu.int/en/journal/j-fet/Pages/default.aspx

More about IMT-2030

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/rsg5/rwp5d/imt-2030/Pages/default.aspx

Details about IMT-2020 submission & evaluation (ITU-R M.2150 Rev.3)

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/rsg5/rwp5d/imt-2020/Pages/submission-eval-3rd-release.aspx

Details about Satellite IMT-2020 submission and evaluation process

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/rsg4/Pages/imt-2020-sat-submission-eval.aspx

SG 4 https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/rsg4/Pages/default.aspx
WP 4B https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/rsg4/Pages/default.aspx

SG 5 https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/rsg5/Pages/default.aspx
WP 5D https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/rsg5/rwp
/Pages/default.aspx



Rec. ITU-R M.2150 (IMT-2020)

https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-M.2150/en

Rec. ITU-R M.2160 (IMT-2030)

https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-M.2160/en

Rep. ITU-R M.2514 (Vision IMT-2020 SAT)

https://www.itu.int/pub/R-REP-M.2514

Rep. ITU-R M.2516 (FTT)

https://www.itu.int/pub/R-REP-M.2516

ITU

ITU-R M.2516 - "Future Technology Trends" (FTT) *

Contents "Future Technology Trends of Terrestrial IMT Systems towards 2030 and beyond"

- § 4 Overview of emerging services and applications
 - § 4.1 New services and application trends
 - § 4.2 Drivers for future technology trends towards 2030 and beyond
- § 5 Emerging technology trends and enablers
 - § 5.1 Technologies for Al-native communications
 - § 5.2 Technologies for integrated sensing and communication
 - § 5.3 Technologies to support convergence of communication & computing architecture
 - § 5.4 Technologies for device-to-device communications
 - § 5.5 Technologies to efficiently utilize spectrum
 - § 5.6 Technologies to enhance energy efficiency and low power consumption
 - § 5.7 Technologies to natively support real-time services/communications
 - § 5.8 Technologies to enhance trustworthiness

- § 6 Technologies to enhance the radio interface
 - § 6.1 Adv. modulation, coding & multiple access schemes
 - § 6.2 Advanced antenna technologies incl. E-MIMO
 - § 6.3 In-band full duplex communications
 - § 6.4 Multiple physical dimension transmission incl. Reconfigurable Intelligent Surface (RIS)
 - § 6.5 Terahertz (THz) communications
 - § 6.6 Technologies to support ultra-high accuracy positioning
- § 7 Technology enabler to enhance radio network
 - § 7.1 RAN slicing
 - § 7.2 Technologies to support resilient and soft network and guaranteed QoS
 - § 7.3 New RAN interface
 - § 7.4 Technologies to support Digital Twin Networking (DTN)
 - § 7.5 Technologies for interconnection with non-terrestrial networks
 - § 7.6 Support for ultra-dense radio network deployments
 - § 7.7 Technologies to enhance RAN infrastructure sharing



ITU-R M.2541 - "Feasibility of IMT above 100 GHz"

- IMT-2030 is expected to enable new use cases and applications with extremely high data rate and low latency, which will benefit from large contiguous bandwidth spectrum with around tens of GHz, which suggests the need to consider spectrum in higher frequency ranges above 92 GHz.
- This report
 - investigates technical feasibility of IMT >92 GHz
 - provides a series of propagation measurements carried out by academia and industry
 - describes enabling antenna and semiconductor technologies, material technologies including reconfigurable intelligent surfaces and MIMO and beamforming technologies as potential solutions
 - envisages some typical use cases
 - includes summary of measurement activities collected

The report indicates that utilizing the bands above 92 GHz is feasible for studied IMT deployment scenarios and could be considered for IMT-2030

§ 4 - Radio wave propagation in bands above 100 GHz

- § 4.1 Radio channel characteristics
- § 4.2 Activities on radiocommunication channel characteristics and modelling
- § 4.3 Summary of the results of the studies

§ 5 - Characteristics of IMT in bands above 100 GHz

- § 5.1 Outdoor-to-outdoor coverage
- § 5.2 Outdoor-to-indoor coverage
- § 5.3 Indoor-to-indoor coverage
- § 5.4 Mobility
- § 5.5 Impact of bandwidth

§ 6 - Enabling technologies toward IMT in bands above 100 GHz

- § 6.1 Antenna technology
- § 6.2 Semiconductor technology
- § 6.3 Material technology
- § 6.4 MIMO and Beamforming
- § 6.5 Radio over Fiber (RoF) technology

§ 7 - Deployment scenarios and architectures

- § 7.1 Use cases for IMT in bands above 100 GHz
- § 7.2 Deployment scenarios
- § 7.3 Deployment architecture

§ 8 - Conclusions

plus 22 Annexes with specific measurements and studies



Bands identified for IMT

Reference Documents: Recommendation <u>ITU-R M.1036</u> and <u>RR edition 2024</u>

					••••	Kerer
	Frequency Bands id entified for	Footnotes identifying the band for IMT in the Radio Regulations			Available Bandwidth	Timing
	IMT (MHz)	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	(MHz)	
i	450-470	negion 1	5.286AA	negion 5	20	WRC-07
	470-698	5.307A**	5.295** 5.308A**	5.296A**	228	WRC-15/23
	694/698-960	5.317A	5.317A	5.313A** 5.317A	262	WRC-07/2000
	1 427-1 518	5.341A, 5.346**	5.341B	5.341C, 5.346A	91	WRC-15
	1710-2 025 5.384A, 5.388				315	WARC-92, WRC-2000
	2 110-2 200		5.388		90	WARC-92
	2 300-2 400		5.384A		100	WRC-07
	2 500-2 690		5.384A		190	WRC-2000
	3 300-3 400	5.429B**	5.429D	5.429F**	100	WRC-15/23
	3 400-3 600	5.430A	5.431B	5.432A** 5.432B** 5.433A**	200	WRC-07
	3 600-3 700	5.433B, ** 5.434B**	5.434	-	100	WRC-15/23
	3 700-3 800 *	5.434B**	5.435B**	-	100	WRC-23
	4 800-4 990	5.441B**	5.441A** 5.441B**	5.441B**	190	WRC-15
	6 425-7 025 *	5.457E	5.457F**	5.457D**	600	WRC-23
	7 025-7 125 *	5.457E	5.457F**	5.457E	100	WRC-23
	10 000-10 500 *		5.480A		500	WRC-23
	24 250-27 500 37 000-43 500	5.532AB			3250 6500	WRC-19 WRC-19
		5.550B				
	45 500-47 000		5.553A**		1500	WRC-19
	47 200-48 200		5.553B**		1000	WRC-19
	66 000-71 000		5.559AA		5000	WRC-19

List of frequency bands under WRC-27 agenda items (considered by ITU-R WP 5D)

Frequency bands	WRC-27 agenda items
608-614 MHz	1.17
694/698-960 MHz	1.13
1 427-1 518 MHz	1.12 (1 427-1 432 MHz),
	1.13
1 710-1 785 MHz	1.13
1 805-2 025 MHz	1.12 (1 880-1 920 MHz, 2 010-2 025 MHz),
	1.13, 1.14 (2 010-2 025 MHz)
2 110-2 200 MHz	1.13, 1.14 (2 120-2 170 MHz)
2 300-2 400 MHz	1.13
2 500-2 690 MHz	1.13
	1.15
3 500-3 600 MHz	1.15
3 600-3 800 MHz	1.15
4 400-4 800 MHz	1.7
	1.19 (4 200-4 400 MHz)
7 125-8 400 MHz	1.7
	1.15 (7 190-7 235MHz)
	1.19 (8 400-8 500 MHz)
14.8 – 15.35 GHz	1.7
25.25-28.35 GHz	1.15
37-43.5 GHz	1.6
47.2-48.2 GHz	1.1, 1.6

(Table 1 in Annex 4.9 to Document 5D/242)