

WiMAX Forum RWG: Regulatory issues and progress in support of WiMAX deployment - John Visser (Nortel)

Abstract: WiMAX is a leading technology for providing broadband wireless high speed access bringing the benefits of DSL-like speeds and enabling access to the internet the capabilities available via the internet. In order to do this, appropriate spectrum must be allocated. This is a non-trivial task since spectrum is a scarce resource for which there is a great deal of demand. The WiMAX Forum addresses this area in one of the key Working Groups within its structure. This presentation provides a brief overview of the WiMAX Forum, its objectives and structure, and then focuses in on the Regulatory Working Group (RWG). The purpose and mandate of the RWG are described. Multiple sub-groups are working on the task of stimulating a WiMAX-friendly regulatory environment. A description of each of the sub-groups making up the RWG is provided along with a summary of current topics being worked.