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### **SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT**

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### **DISASTER MANAGENT - A SPECTRUM PERSPECTIVE**

### **Aims of this Presentation**

- Radio Spectrum Management at international and national levels
- Zimbabwe institutional and regulatory framework
- The role and missions of POTRAZ with respect to Public Protection and Disaster Relief

# **RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM**

- Part of the electromagnetic spectrum whose wavelength falls between the electric waves and Infra- red. (9KHz – 300GHz currently usable)
- Better known as the Radio Waves.
- Capable of propagating in various media including free space, vacuum and dense air.
- Capable of information carrying through a process of modulation.
- Refraction, reflection, diffraction, absorption and Interference are important aspects.

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#### Spectrum Every Day Life Use



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### WHY REGULATE SPECTRUM?



- Equitable Access to Spectrum
- Make Spectrum as widely available as possible
- Orderly development anchored on efficient utilization.
- Maximize public benefit

#### SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT DEFINED

 A combination of technical, economic, scientific and administrative efforts directed at ensuring orderly development of radio communication systems and optimal utilisation of radio frequency spectrum.

## **INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF SM**



## **INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

International Regulatory Map



**ITU** Radio Regulations harmonise allocations at a broad level - eg fixed, mobile, broadcasting and this done on a regional basis

# THE ZIMBABWEAN PERSPECTIVE

- Postal and Telecommunication Act [Cap 12:05]
- Government: Policy Maker whose mandate includes promulgation of statutes
- POTRAZ: Statutory Body with stewardship over spectrum
- BAZ: Responsible for Broadcasting, stewardship of Broadcasting spectrum conferred through an MOU.

# **PRINCIPLES OF ALLOCATION**

- Frequencies are a common resource, which is
  - + common property
  - + scarce
  - + limited
  - + more and more in demand
  - Closely align with ITU R1 Allocations in order to benefit from global/regional harmonisation efforts

#### POTRAZ OBJECTIVES ON SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT

- Ensure orderly development of wireless systems in Zimbabwe.
- Ensure the rational and equitable distribution of the radio spectrum resource across all relevant radio communication services.
- × Maximisation of the economic value & public benefit
- maximising technical efficiency, taking into account local economic and environmental factors.
- Relentlessly protect legitimate radiocommunication systems and assignments against harmful interference.

| Service              | Band                                  | Bandwidth               |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Radio Broadcasting   | 88MHz – 108 MHZ                       | 20MHz                   |
| Terrestrial TV (VHF) | 174MHz -254MHz                        | 76MHz                   |
| Terrestrial TV (UHF) | 470MHz - 790 MHz                      | 320                     |
| 'Digital Dividend'   | 790 MHz - 860MHz                      | 70MHz                   |
| GSM 900              | 890MHz – 915MHz pw<br>835MHz – 960MHz | 25 MHz                  |
| UMTS                 | 1920 – 1980 MHz pw<br>2110 - 2170 MHz | 60MHz FDD               |
| Meteorological (SS)  | Various                               | Per ITU R1 and SADC RFP |
| FSS                  | Various                               | ITU R1 and SADC RFP     |
| MSS                  | Various                               | ITU R1 and SADC RFP     |
| GPS                  | Various                               | Per ITU                 |
| Land Mobile          | HF, VHF, UHF (various)                | Per SADC RFP            |
| Fixed                | Various                               | Per SADC RFP            |
| Amateur              | Various                               | Per ITU-R RFP           |

## LICENSING PROCESS

- Licence Exempt Bands: 2.4GHz, 5GHz (802.11)
  - + Equipment Type Approval a prerequisite.
  - + Full compliance with set standards for the bands.
  - + Option of higher power levels for rural areas being looked at.
- × Licensed Band:
  - + Requirement for Type Approval
  - + Operation without a license is illegal, section 34 applies.
  - + Process is flexible and can be expedited during emergencies
  - + Some bands and channels set aside for possible PPDR systems e.g. 380MHz – 387MHz pw 390MHz – 397MHz

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