Adoption of Emerging Radio Communications Technologies

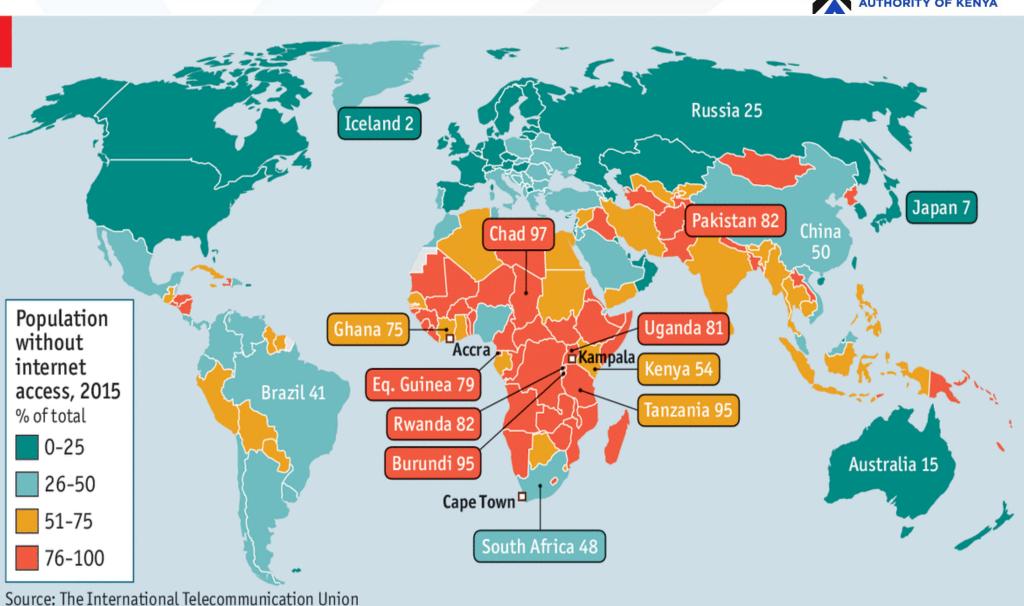
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Status of Internet access





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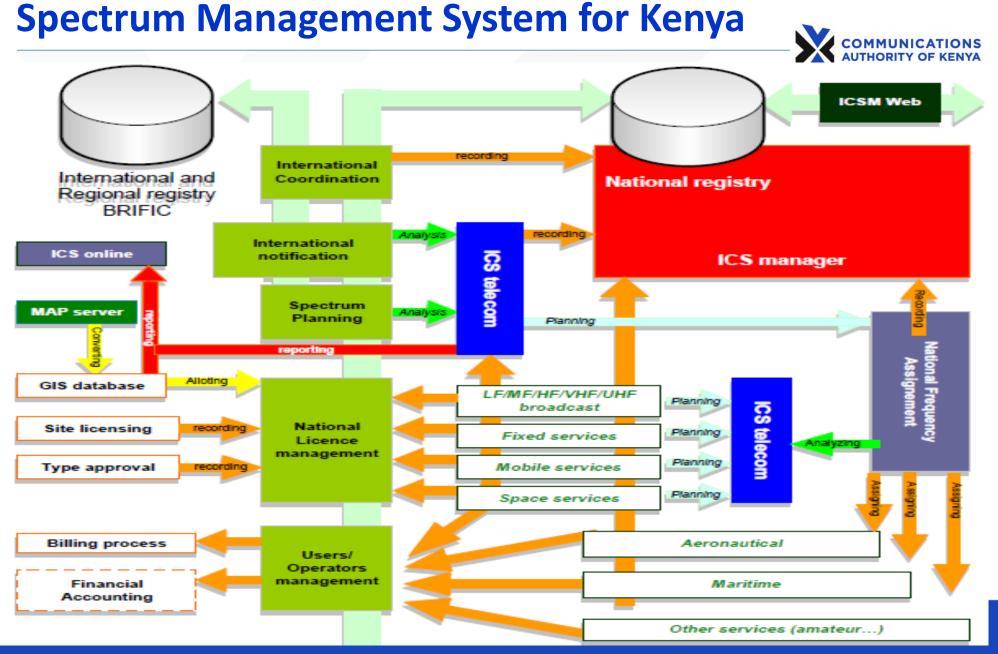
Dynamic Spectrum Access Technology

Cognitive Radio Technology

Geo-Location Database Technology

Ultra Wide Band Technology

Long Range Radio Technology



Case Study of Kenya



Advantages of adoption of automated spectrum management:

- > Reduction of harmful RF interference between licensed operators
- > Efficient planning, licensing & coordination of RF spectrum
- > Platform for analysis of spectrum usage trends
- > Increase in revenue from spectrum licenses
- > Basis for participation in regional & international research.

Overview of Emerging Technologies



Technology	Application	Regulatory Perspective
Dynamic Spectrum Access		
Cognitive Radio	UHF TVWS, 5G, Rural & Sub- Urban Broadband	Licensed Shared Access (LSA)
Geo-Location Database		
Ultra Wide Band (UWB)	Urban, Short Range Broadband	Industrial Scientific & Medical Applications (ISM), Unlicensed
Long Range Radio (LPWAN)	IoT, M2M	

Strategy for Adoption of Emerging Radio Technologies

- 1. Adopt automated spectrum management solutions
- 2. Develop professional partnerships with Research Institutions
- 3. Build adequate capacity on RF spectrum technology and policy research
- 4. Issue trial authorisations for scientific research
- 5. Conduct actual measurements and perform analysis
- 6. Participate in regional and international RF spectrum research meetings
- 7. Review national spectrum policy to address emerging radio technologies
- 8. Develop guidelines and regulations to allow policy implementation

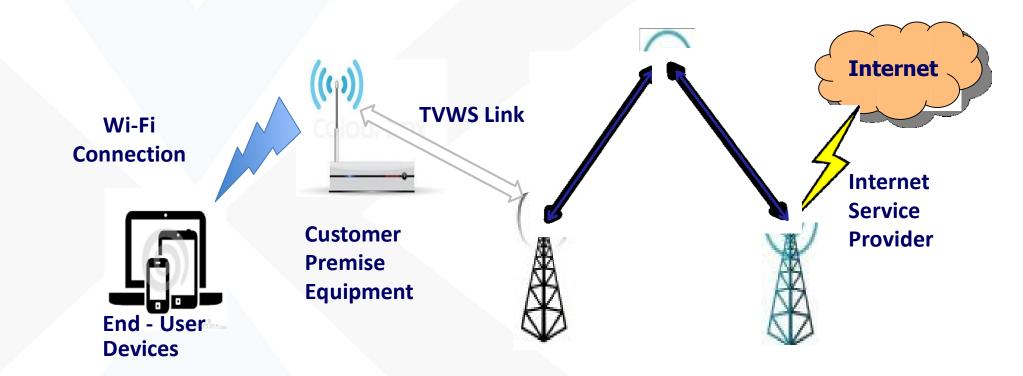
Dynamic Spectrum Access Research



➤ To investigate dynamic spectrum access (DSA) and geolocation database technology, combined with software defined radio (SDR) implementations can be used to enable effective and efficient wireless networks to be built at scale to support affordable Internet.

Typical TVWS Setup





Possible Challenges



Challenges delaying adoption of emerging technologies:

- > Inadequate spectrum management and monitoring systems
- > Limited human & technical capability for RF spectrum research
- Out-dated national spectrum policies
- > Rigid regulations

Mitigation of Possible Challenges



Possible solutions to the Challenges

- > Acquisition of Spectrum Management Software incl. SMS4DC
- > In-depth training of engineers on evidence based research
- > Establishment of partnerships with Universities for research
- > Participation of engineers in research and ITU-R meetings
- > Involvement of all national stakeholders in policy making



Questions?

