



## ITU Media Contacts for WRC-19

*The following staff members of ITU and ITU's Radiocommunication Bureau can be made available to answer specific questions as needed.*

### **Houlin Zhao - ITU Secretary General**

Prior to first being elected as ITU Secretary-General in 2014, Mr Zhao served eight years as ITU Deputy Secretary-General. He also served two elected terms as Director of ITU's Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB), which develops technical standards to ensure worldwide ICT interoperability. Before that, he was a Senior Counsellor with TSB for 12 years.

### **Mario Maniewicz, Director, ITU Radiocommunication Bureau**

Mr Mario Maniewicz was elected Director of the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau at the [ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018](#) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. He took office on 1 January 2019. Mario Maniewicz is an electronic engineer specialized in telecommunications. He has been with the ITU for over 30 years, where he has served in high-level management positions in the Radiocommunication and Development Sectors as well as in ITU Regional Offices.

As Director, Mr. Maniewicz is responsible for the management of the Radiocommunication Bureau which organizes and co-ordinates the work of the Radiocommunication Sector whose aim is to ensure the rational, equitable, efficient and economical use of the radio-frequency spectrum and satellite orbits.

### **Nikolai Vassiliev - Chief of the Terrestrial Services Department**

Mr Vassiliev's current responsibilities cover spectrum management for terrestrial services, including mobile broadband, television and sound broadcasting, maritime and aeronautical radiocommunications. He participates in ITU studies of emerging wireless technologies and provides regulatory and technical assistance to ITU Member States.

Mr Vassiliev has participated in 11 ITU world and regional radiocommunication conferences since 1992 and numerous meetings, seminars and conferences on wireless communications in various regions of the world.

Prior to joining ITU in 1996, Mr Vassiliev worked from 1985 to 1996 in different positions for the Russian Ministry of Telecommunications. He obtained his Master's degree in radiocommunications in 1985 and his MBA in 1992.

### **Alexandre Vallet - Chief of the Space Services Department**

Before joining ITU in 2017, Mr Vallet was the Head of the Regulatory affairs and Spectrum/Orbit Resources Department at the French Agency in charge of radio spectrum management (Agence Nationale des Fréquences - ANFR) from 2007 to 2017.

Having graduated from Telecom ParisTech, he began to work in 2000 in the R&D center of French telecom giant, Orange, dealing with communications satellites. In 2006, he joined the satellite operator Eutelsat where he was in charge of regulatory matters.

### **Nelson Malaguti - Counsellor, ITU-R Study Group 4**

Nelson Malaguti is Counsellor at the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). He is responsible since June 2006 for ITU-R Study Group 4 on Satellite Services (FSS, BSS, MSS and RDSS) and the Coordination Committee for Vocabulary.

Previous to taking up his current duties, he worked at EMBRATEL in Brazil, involved in the coordination, notification and registration process for the Brazilian satellite networks. He received the M.Sc degree in telecommunications engineering from PUC-RIO, Brazil. He then worked in the Space Services Department of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) of the ITU, having participated actively at World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRC) such as WRC-97, WRC-2000 and WRC-03. He also participated actively at WRC-07, WRC-12 and WRC-15 and is currently actively participating at WRC-19.

**David Botha - Counsellor, ITU-R Study Group 3**

David Botha is Counsellor at the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). He is responsible for ITU-R Study Group 3 on Radiowave Propagation and Secretary to IMT related agenda items of WRC-19.

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