



Comments:

National Radio Frequency Plan 2021

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Nokia congratulates ICASA for a very well compiled and clear National Radio Frequency Plan 2021 document for South Africa.

Overall, we are very pleased to see that ICASA is consideration resolutions taken by the World Radiocommunication Conference of 2019 (WRC-19) in the draft National Radio Frequency Plan.

We are very grateful to ICASA for giving us the opportunity to submit additional views to the Public consultation document “Draft National Radio Frequency Plan 2021 (NRP21)”.

Nokia would like to request a short opportunity to make oral representations, including responding to questions asked by the regulator and the public.

Our comments on this public consultation will focus on selected sections and/or frequency bands which will be clearly indicated.

## Comments on the table of frequency allocation:

Page 163 on 2500-2690 MHz:

Our understanding from the recent ITA published in Government Gazette No. 43768 (THE AUTHORITY HEREBY ISSUES AN INVITATION TO APPLY NOTICE ON THE LICENSING PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE PROVISION OF MOBILE BROADBAND WIRELESS ACCESS SERVICES FOR URBAN AND RURAL AREAS USING THE COMPLIMENTARY BANDS, IMT700, IMT800, IMT2600 AND IMT3500.reference) that the 2500-2690 MHz range for South Africa will be moving to an all TDD allocation.

Page 168 on use of 3600-4200 MHz: As ICASA is aware there will be in WCR-23 agenda item1.3 Mobile Services in ITU Region 1 in 3600 MHz to 3800 MHz. As you refer to WRC-23 agenda items and ongoing studies in other spectrum ranges, we suggest that this could be included in the NRP21 subject to the outcome decision from WRC-23 for the use of Mobile services.

There are a number of other frequency ranges that we would welcome the opportunity to also discuss during the Public Hearings.