



CALL FOR INPUT PRIOR TO THE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ON FURTHER LICENSING OPTIONS OF TWO 20 MHz SLOTS IN THE 2.3 GHz BAND

INTRODUCTION

The Commission licensed part of the 2.3 GHz frequency band (TDD) in slots of 20 MHz per Operator in the year 2009. The band now has three Operators with 20 MHz each, out of the planned five slots of 20 MHz each. This makes two slots of 20 MHz, Nationwide, available for licensing.

The Commission is considering licensing the two remaining slots and has received memoranda from the three existing Operators, requesting the Commission to issue the slots to them instead of putting it out for public licensing. This they attributed to mutual interference experienced between them.

CALL FOR INPUT

To facilitate the Commission's decision, and in line with its policy of participatory regulation, the Commission plans a stakeholder engagement forum. This forum will hold on March 4, 2013, and will discuss the options available for licensing the remaining slots.

The major option for consideration amongst others that Stakeholders may propose is:

1. Publicly auction 1 X 30 MHz to one new Operator and use the remaining 10 MHz as Guard Band between adjacent slots and at the edges of the band.

A call for memos on proposed licensing options, which should be technically justified, is canvassed. This should not however exclude further views which Stakeholders believe are relevant.

TIMESCALES

Stakeholders interested in submitting inputs have until February 28, 2013 to respond to this call for input.

Softcopy of such input should be sent to 2.3GHz@ncc.gov.ng, while hardcopy should be sent to the address below:

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ATTENTION: Head Spectrum Administration (2.3 GHz)