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INTRODUCTION

Dear WiMAX Community,

This February the **WiMAX Forum** attended **Mobile World Congress** in Barcelona. Several members of the team attended including WiMAX Forum Chairman **Dr. Mohammad Shakouri**. On Wednesday night we hosted a dinner just for WiMAX operators. The goal was to give them an opportunity to speak directly with the Chairman regarding the future of the WiMAX industry. We would like to thank everyone who joined for making the evening a great success!

Also this month, the WiMAX Forum has made available the official version of WiMAX Forum® System Profile Requirements for Smart Grid Applications. This document codifies work done on WiGRID™ by the WiMAX Forum's **Smart Grid Working Group**, which is composed of technical representatives from major electric power utilities, WiMAX vendors and industry experts.

You can now find this important document on the WiMAX Forum website:

WiMAX Forum® System Profile Requirements for Smart Grid Applications.

Coming soon after Mobile World Congress is the WiMAX Forum's first Member Conference of 2013. The **WiMAX Forum Member Conference** will be held at the **Prince Hotel and Residence** in Kuala Lumpur from March 11 – 14. Also during that time, the WiMAX Forum will host a collocated **WiMAX Asia 2013**. WiMAX Asia will take place on March 12th, and will focus specifically on supporting the Asian operator community in managing profitable development and growth of their WiMAX networks. We hope to see you there!

As a reminder the WiMAX Forum is currently in the middle of its renewal season. Many of our 140+ members renew their annual membership at the end of the year, and our membership and finance teams have been working together to make certain that the next few months go smoothly for everyone.

Many of your companies should be hearing shortly from our membership team, and they will be happy to answer any questions that you have. If you have questions regarding your membership status, please send a message to membership@wimaxforum.org, and we will respond as quickly as possible.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in 2013.

Best Regards,

The WiMAX Forum

EVENTS

In 2012 the WiMAX Forum hosted a strong series of its own events and also participated in a range of important industry events spanning the globe. In 2013 we will continue in our efforts to bring you quality events directly hosted by the WiMAX Forum, and will also have a presence at key industry events. The WiMAX Forum team is looking forward to seeing you at our events this year!

Please find below a detailed description of upcoming WiMAX Forum events:

WiMAX Forum Member Conference in Kuala Lumpur



The WiMAX Forum is delighted to announce 2013's first **WiMAX Forum Member Conference**, which will take place March 11-14, 2013 in beautiful Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

WiMAX Forum Members are encouraged to register for the member conference and reserve a hotel room as soon as possible.

Please contact Chelsea Nager at Chelsea.Nager@WiMAXForum.org if you have any questions about the Kuala Lumpur Member Conference.

WiMAX Asia 2013



The WiMAX Forum is also pleased to announce the first event in the WiMAX Forum 2013 Operator Summit Series: **WiMAX Asia 2013**, which will be co-located with our **Member Conference** at the **Prince Hotel and Residence**, on March 12th, 2013 in beautiful Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

This event will focus on the development and future roadmap of WiMAX technology, and on paving a path for the emerging markets of Southeast Asia.

The WiMAX Forum will be hosting a cocktail reception for networking purposes on the evening of March 12th that will be open to attendees of both events.

WiMAX Asia 2013 is an event for all participants, both operators and vendors, to meet, exchange ideas and develop business and cooperative relationships. The event will highlight the opportunities, challenges and strategies involved in operating a profitable WiMAX network in Asia.

WiMAX Asia 2013 will be an interactive working event, and **there will be no registration fee.** Participation in this event is free and open to all participants of the WiMAX ecosystem, and **membership in the WiMAX Forum is not a requirement to attend.**

For additional information and registration please visit: [WiMAX Asia 2013](#)

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Increase your presence at the WiMAX Forum events through a sponsorship! Our high-profile events offer sponsors excellent visibility before, during and after the event.

Sponsorship opportunities include:

- Media Sponsorship
- Diamond Sponsorship (*WiMAX Forum Members Only*)
- Platinum Sponsorship (*WiMAX Forum Members Only*)
- Gold Sponsorship (*WiMAX Forum Membership **NOT** Required*)

For more information about which event sponsorships may best suit your needs, please contact Alessandra Rocha at Alessandra.Rocha@WiMAXForum.org.

Mobile Backhaul Asia 2013



The WiMAX Forum is an association sponsor of **Mobile Backhaul Asia 2013**

Building on the success of the Asia's biggest and best Mobile Backhaul conference 2012, which attracted over 400 telecoms professionals, the 5th Mobile Backhaul Asia conference will once again bring together Asia's telecoms industry to explore technology solutions and business strategies to cost-effectively upgrade your backhaul networks.

For additional information and registration please visit: [Mobile Backhaul Asia 2013](#)

The WiMAX Forum has plans to host and participate in other events over the course of 2013. As details concerning these events are finalized, we will be certain to keep you informed.

If you have any questions regarding the WiMAX Forum events, please contact Alessandra Rocha at Alessandra.Rocha@WiMAXForum.org.

For more information about our events please visit: [WiMAX Forum Events](#)

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

There are currently 144 members of the WiMAX Forum in good standing.

The WiMAX Forum would like to extend a special welcome to the newest members & applicants in 2013:

- [Busyinternet Gh Ltd](#)
- [KZ Broadband Technologies Ltd.](#)
- [NET ILETISIM](#)
- [NOVI-NET d.o.o.](#)
- [Synkro Southwest, LLC \(Local Loop\)](#)
- [UMAX](#)

The WiMAX Forum is committed to delivering the value necessary for our members to get the most of their association with the WiMAX Forum and we are always happy to engage with individual members to discuss how WiMAX Forum can better serve its membership.

If you have questions regarding your membership, please contact Mike Wolleben at Mike.Wolleben@WiMAXForum.org - +1-512-470-9045.

The WiMAX Forum is the best place for our members to access, leverage and influence the growth and development of the WiMAX industry. So be a leader in WiMAX and step up to get involved today!

WORKING GROUP

Key Updates

- The WiMAX Forum is happy to announce the publication of WiMAX Forum System Profile Requirements for Smart Grid Applications. This document has been approved and published as a WiMAX Forum specification and codifies the work done on WiGRID, an optimized IEEE 802.16 profile for Utility Field Area Networking applications.

This set of requirements was assembled by the WiMAX Forum's Smart Grid Working Group, which is composed of technical representatives from major electric power utilities, WiMAX vendors and industry experts.

- The WiMAX Forum Technical Steering Committee (TSC) recently approved four Release 2.1 document revisions to the previously published Release 2.1 documents. These documents are currently undergoing WiMAX Forum publication process and will be published on our public library at the end of March.

WiMAX Forum working groups are meeting at our Member's Conference in Kuala Lumpur from March 11- March 14. There, working groups will continue to work on board initiatives and roadmap items. The AWG, SPWG, TWG, NWG and CWG will meet to collaborate on specifications and requirements, as well as having joint sessions with other working groups. If you would like to attend and get involved in these important initiatives please register here: [WiMAX Forum Members Conference - Kuala Lumpur](#)

The WiMAX Forum [Working Groups](#) are the key to the development of WiMAX technology. Working Groups are chartered by the WiMAX Forum to bring together content experts from member companies to contribute to and harmonize documents and specifications and perform other tasks that the WiMAX Forum has determined to be necessary or useful. Principal members of the forum have the opportunity to participate as officers of working groups when there are vacancies.

The WiMAX Forum organizes its technical activities through a number of Working Groups that produce technical requirements, technical specifications or advise the forum. These groups are coordinated by the Technical Steering Committee. The WiMAX Forum Working Groups include:

- **AWG** - Aviation Working Group - *Requirements*
- **CWG** - Certification Working Group - *Technical*
- **GRWG** - Global Roaming Working Group - *Technical*
- **NWG** - Network Working Group - *Technical*
- **RWG** - Regulatory Working Group - *Advisory*
- **SPWG** - Service Provider Working Group - *Requirements*
- **SGWG** - Smart Grid Working Group - *Requirements*
- **TWG** - Technical Working Group - *Technical*

If you are not a member of a Working Group yet, you can request to join on the group's [Home Page](#). Or if you want to take an active role in one or more of the Working Groups, you can use the group chair link on that same page to contact the chairman of the group and to see how you can help.

As a result of some recent vacancies we are currently in the middle of an Officer Election process. We have candidates that are nominated for offices in SPWG, NWG, and TWG. A call for candidates has been sent and elections will be scheduled by group. Below are some remaining vacant officer positions.

If you or someone from your company is interested in becoming an officer of a Working Group, please contact that working group's chair or the TSC chair for details.

- **AWG** – Chair
- **NWG** - Vice Chair & Secretary
- **SGWG** – 2nd Vice Chair & Secretary
- **TWG** - Chair & Secretary

Your participation is important to the WiMAX community!

Working Group Meetings are held in-person (“face-to-face”) or by teleconference. Dates and venues shall be determined taking into account Working Group needs and requests. To encourage cross Working Group discussions in support of the overall program goals, the WiMAX Forum co-locates the face-to-face meetings of multiple Working Groups at our Member Conferences.

You can learn more about the Working Group activities by visiting the member’s area in Kavi and viewing the outcome of recent Working Group sessions or joining groups to receive emails related to that group's activities. Working Group activity is integral to the success of the Forum.

If you or your company is interested in nominating someone for a working group leadership role, please contact Rich Hawkins at Rich.Hawkins@WiMAXForum.org

WiMAX FORUM NEWS

WiMAX Forum, in partnership with Multiview, has launched its weekly WiMAX Newsbrief. This weekly summary of news from around the WiMAX ecosystem is intended as a benefit to our members. If you do not yet receive the Newsbrief and wish to do so, please sign up here: [WiMAX Newsbrief](#).

Below is a summary of the month of February:

- [Smart grids](#)
- [The WiMAX Forum will be at UTC AL!](#)
- [Nepal Telecom expands WiMAX service](#)
- [Unbreakable SCADA security](#)
- [Enforta wins order at property developer RDI Group](#)
- [Qubee laptop fair kicks off](#)
- [Elbit at Australian International Air Show and Aerospace & Defense Exposition 2013](#)
- [Telecentras to provide wireless for newspapers chain](#)
- [Dinner for WiMAX Operators at MWC](#)
- [Japan looks to Taiwan to disaster-proof telecom](#)
- [CelPlan at the MWC in Barcelona – 4G Demystified](#)

- **ACMA proposes to extend 2.3 GHz band with 2 MHz**
- **MTN Guinea to roll out data plans and payment services**
- **Platinum Communications shares for services**
- **Kestrel Weather & Environmental Meters and Blueforce Development Corp. partner to launch Weather Intelligence sensor plugin for Android**
- **Red Link Co. succeed for free Wi-Fi transmission in coming SEA Games**
- **WiMAX Forum System Profile Requirements for Smart Grid Applications – requirements for WiGRID**
- **WiMAX Asia 2013**
- **Inviting nominations for 2nd Jury Round of Aegis Graham Bell Awards 2013**
- **Taichung City, Taiwan, listed among top 7 intelligent communities again**
- **TeliaSonera International Carrier contracted by Mada**
- **NT to provide WiMAX service to all**
- **TTK notches 1 million broadband subscribers**
- **NT celebrates 9th anniversary**
- **Call for operator participation: Collaborative WiMAX device RFP**
- **WiMAX Forum: 2013's goals target smart grids, backhaul**
- **Wateen telecom: WiMAX Forum appreciates Pakistan**
- **Nepal Telecom upgrades with AsiaInfo-Linkage**
- **Notes from the world of IT: 2013 – looking ahead into the year**
- **WiMAX to Wi-Fi adapter now available**
- **IEC 61850 feeds grid protection and control**
- **Digital Utilities Ventures advances on IPTV advertising**
- **NT stumps up 3G licence fee; extends WiMAX to 3 new areas**
- **4g WiMAX: Business advantages**
- **WiMAX Forum January 2013 Monthly Newsletter**



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