



WhiteSpace Alliance® Chairman Invited to Speak at United Nations Conference in Geneva

November Conference Will Focus Upon Emerging Technologies in Digital Development

Chelmsford, MA – XX November, 2014 – The WhiteSpace Alliance (WSA®), a globally recognized industry organization enabling sharing of underutilized spectrum, today announced that Dr. Apurva N. Mody, Chairman of WhiteSpace Alliance, will be a featured speaker at the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) meeting in Geneva, Switzerland on 26-28 November, 2014.

The Commission provides the United Nations General Assembly and Economic and Social Council with high-level advice on relevant science and technology issues. Dr. Mody will be a member of the CSTD panel which will focus on the role of information and communication technologies in development. In particular, the panel will address the role emerging commercial technologies such as whitespace, Wi-FAR™, Wi-Fi and mobile technology can play in digital development. Findings and recommendations of the panel are expected to be considered at length at the 18th session of the CSTD, to be held in May 2015.

“Digital development in global emerging economies requires cost-effective Internet access for both urban and rural areas. Using underutilized spectrum, also known as whitespace, to provide Internet connectivity has created a unique opportunity for bridging today’s digital divide”, said Dr. Apurva N. Mody, Chairman of WhiteSpace Alliance. “Governments should create regulations that support sustainable business models for providing such Internet access. This will not only create the workforces of tomorrow, but also support national initiatives for e-governance, e-health, e-education and e-commerce.”

WhiteSpace Alliance, developer of Wi-FAR™ and WSACoconnect™ interoperability specifications, has a following of more than 200 major commercial, academic, government and regulatory organizations around the world. WSA member organizations benefit from access to technical specifications that decrease development costs; expanded access to global markets, regulators and government agencies; and ongoing marketing support at no additional cost. Consumers benefit from a multi-vendor, interoperable ecosystem that brings down the overall cost of broadband access. For more information on WhiteSpace Alliance, please visit www.WhiteSpaceAlliance.org

About WhiteSpace Alliance

The mission of the Whitespace Alliance (<http://www.whitespacealliance.org/>) is to promote the development, deployment and use of standards-based products and services as a means of providing broadband capabilities via WhiteSpace spectrum. By promoting the use of standards, the Alliance will enable companies to provide broadband connectivity at reasonable cost. The WSA will also act as an enabler of the emerging white spaces ecosystem by helping to put in place interoperability, conformance, and compliance testing to make sure that our member stakeholders get the needed information & collaborations to succeed both in the market place and with regulatory requirements. Interoperability specifications will allow multiple vendors to enter the market and help to reduce the costs for the consumers. WhiteSpace Alliance promotes the use of IEEE, 3GPP and IETF Standards for use in the WhiteSpaces.

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