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Dynamic Spectrum Alliance announces new members, calls for global action to open up spectrum

Leaders from industry, academia and government explore the incredible future offered by new and innovative dynamic spectrum access technologies at the first annual DSA Global Summit

Bangkok, Thailand — Nov. 18, 2013 — Today the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance will hold its first annual DSA Global Summit in Bangkok, Thailand, preceding ITU Telecom World. The summit will provide a unique opportunity for industry leaders, academics and regulators to come together and discuss what new technology, policy and business model innovations could mean for the future of wireless communication.

[Announced](#) in June, the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance is a global organization advocating for laws and regulations that increase dynamic access to unused wireless spectrum. Spectrum, the radio waves that enable wireless communication, is a key factor in global economic development. However, regulations that limit the availability of spectrum have resulted in an artificial sense of scarcity as well as severe underutilization of this important resource. The Dynamic Spectrum Alliance supports policies that increase the amount of available spectrum for applications from closing the digital divide with affordable wireless broadband access to enabling the flourishing Internet of Things.

“Over the past five months, the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance has grown and gained strength. We’ve recently added global technology leaders such as Google, Facebook and Texas Instruments to our list of members,” said Paul Garnett of Microsoft.

The Dynamic Spectrum Alliance currently has 32 member organizations. These members and supporters hail from four continents and represent the software, hardware, networking and media sectors as well as non-profit and public sector organizations. The initial Board of the DSA will be comprised of 6Harmonics Inc.; Adaptrum, Inc.; British Sky Broadcasting Limited; Google Inc.; InterDigital Communications, Inc.; MediaTek Inc.; Microsoft Corporation; National Institute of Information and Communications Technology; and SpectraLink Wireless, Ltd.

The full list of members is: 6Harmonics Inc.; Adaptrum, Inc.; Aviacomm, Inc.; Botswana Innovation Hub; British Sky Broadcasting Limited; Canadian Spectrum Policy Research; Carlson Wireless Technologies Inc.; Communication Research Center of National Taiwan University; Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR); CTVR, Trinity College, University of Dublin; RelayServices; Facebook; Gigabit Libraries Network; Google Inc.; Institute for Infocomm Research (I²R); Institute for Information Industry; InterDigital Communications, Inc.; Mediatek Inc.; Microsoft Corporation; Mid-Atlantic Broadband Communities Corporation; MyDigitalBridge Foundation; National Institute of Information and Communications Technology; Neul Ltd.; Panaftel Wireless Limited; Selcom Broadband Limited / UhuruOne; Shared Spectrum Company; SpectraLink Wireless, Ltd.; Tanzania

Commission for Science and Technology; Texas Instruments Inc.; University of Strathclyde - Centre for White Space Communications; University of York; WaveTek Nigeria Limited.

“The diversity of our membership demonstrates strong support throughout the industry for more efficient and effective spectrum utilization,” said Alan Norman of Google. “The policies we’re promoting wouldn’t just create an advantage for one company or another, but rather would benefit consumers and businesses alike – on a global scale.”

Specifically, the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance is asking governments to:

- (1) Make unused spectrum available for dynamic access on a licensed, license-exempt, and lightly licensed basis across a variety of spectrum bands;
- (2) Support technology-neutral regulations allowing for the co-existence of a variety of technology platforms;
- (3) Support long-term efforts to make dynamic spectrum access the default mode of access to radio spectrum, with technical rules that address legitimate interference concerns.

This call to action is reflected in the DSA Global Summit, where forward-thinking regulators, leading academics, cutting-edge technologists and pioneering businesspeople are gathered today to explore the potential of dynamic spectrum access technologies and learn from emerging regulatory models in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America.

At the summit, expert panellists will discuss key topics such as regulatory trends in dynamic spectrum access; how to provide more affordable wireless broadband to underserved, rural and under-privileged communities and connect those that currently do not have access; the outlook for the next five to 10 years; and the types of regulations needed to accommodate future demand.

The Dynamic Spectrum Alliance is working to enable innovative solutions to these challenges by spurring the adoption of laws and regulations that increase the amount of available spectrum, improving the availability and affordability of broadband and unlocking the potential of the Internet of Things.

About the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance

The Dynamic Spectrum Alliance is a global organization advocating for laws and regulations that will lead to more efficient and effective spectrum utilization. Our membership spans multinationals, small- and medium-sized enterprises, and academic, research, and other organizations from around the world, all working to create innovative solutions that will increase the amount of available spectrum to the benefit of consumers and businesses alike. For more information on the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance, please visit its website, <http://www.dynamicspectrumalliance.org>, or contact info@dynamicspectrumalliance.org.