



RESULTS OF THE IMT MULTI-BAND FREQUENCY SPECTRUM AUCTION

Pursuant to the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority Act, Chapter 172 and the Electronic and Postal Communications Act (EPOCA), Chapter 306 of the laws of the United Republic of Tanzania, Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) is vested with powers to allocate, assign, issue, distribute, retrieve, suspend, cancel or otherwise modify distribution among users or licensees of any radio communication frequencies or frequencies channels. Therefore, the Authority has conducted and completed assignment of spectrum blocks in 700 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2600 MHz and 3500 MHz bands through auction.

Among other things, the IMT multi-band frequency spectrum auction was designed to achieve the National Information Communications and Technology Policy (National ICT Policy), 2016 objectives which are: -

- (i) promotion of an efficient use of spectrum (where efficiency implies assigning spectrum to those that will generate the greatest socio-economic benefit from its use);
- (ii) promotion of competition, i.e. an outcome which supports or does not undermine effective competition;
- (iii) promotion of benefits for consumers, through the sustainable provision of widespread, high-quality services; and
- (iv) promotion of investment and innovation.

In furtherance to the National ICT Policy, it is the intention of TCRA that the spectrum auction of the 700 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2600 MHz and 3500 MHz bands will, among other things, bring the following benefits to the nation: -

- (a) Advancement of the country's mobile and fixed broadband infrastructure and capability which will serve as a catalyst for the nation's economic development in particular digital economy to facilitate growth of all sectors;
- (b) Facilitation of socio-economic benefits as mobile and fixed broadband will be key for promoting efficient provision of services such as education, health, agriculture, commerce, financial services through ICTs;
- (c) Lowering mobile communications costs due to cost savings as a result of deploying fewer base stations for wider coverage and therefore potential lower consumer prices;
- (d) Enhancing quality of services and quality of experience through coverage and capacity improvement;
- (e) Extending the provision of mobile broadband services to a wider Tanzanian population especially those in rural areas;

- (f) Promotion, enhancement and facilitation of innovation for new ICT services and technologies to be deployed in the band; and
- (g) Source of national revenue by obtaining optimal return for the spectrum band as a scarce resource.

Following the auction which was held on 11th October 2022, TCRA hereby announces the successful conclusion of the competitive award process for IMT multi-band frequency spectrum. A total of five (5) bidders participated in the auction and four (4) bidders won blocks in different bands as shown in the table below: -

S/N	Licensee	Band	No. of Blocks	Total Proceeds (USD)
1	Vodacom (T) PLC	700 MHz (FDD)	1	25,548,468.98
		2300 MHz (TDD)	2	34,378,597.94
		2600 MHz (TDD)	1	3,300,000.00
2	Airtel (T) PLC	3500 MHz (TDD)	2	21,100,001.02
		2600 MHz (FDD)	2	39,000,200.00
3	MIC (T) PLC (Tigo)	3500 MHz (TDD)	2	34,000,000.00
4	Viettel (T) PLC (Halotel)	2600 MHz (FDD)	1	30,169,000.00
Total auction proceeds				187,496,267.94

To ensure that consumers fully benefit from access to mobile broadband services, TCRA has included Coverage and Quality of Service Obligations to all successful bidders.

TCRA congratulates **Vodacom (T) PLC, Airtel (T) PLC, MIC (T) PLC, and Viettel (T) PLC** for acquiring the spectrum blocks in 700 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2600 MHz and 3500 MHz bands.

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