

LEO Satellite constellations
Licensing approach in
Rwanda and the Region

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Vision of the country for Space

VISION: accelerate Rwanda's economic growth and prosperity, and to ensure a high quality of life for all Rwandans by contributing to the long-term strategic direction of the country through space activities.

Mission: Establish a world-class space ecosystem positioning Rwanda as a contributor and enabler on the global space value chain.



Build



Grow



Collaborate



Inspire

Governance

Regulatory Framework

Economic Development

International development

Education & Capacity building

Sustainability & Self-reliance

Build capacities and capabilities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boost Rwanda's attractiveness	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Develop strategic Partnerships	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Empower the Private Sector	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grow a trained workforce						
Communicate Rwanda's Vision	✓				✓	✓

Big satellite constellation Vs traditional satellites



New sat constellations

- Very high capacity (> 100 Mbps per terminal)
- Low latency (less than 100 ms)
- Low price (\$50 - \$100 for 1 Mbps per month)
- flexibility in capacity allocation



Traditional sat

- Low capacity (<10 Mbps)
- High latency (> 300 ms)
- High price (> \$500 per 1 Mbps per month dedicated)
- limited flexibility in capacity allocation

Evolution in licensing models

Traditional licensing

- requirement for a local gateway
- Licensing each terminal
- High Spectrum fee
- Via local ISPs
- Landing rights
- Need for technical support for the installations

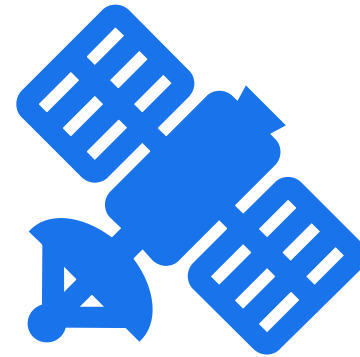
New Licensing model

- Blanket license (all terminals)
- Fair fee for Spectrum (shared spectrum)
- Not always necessary to have a technical support

Two aspects of licensing

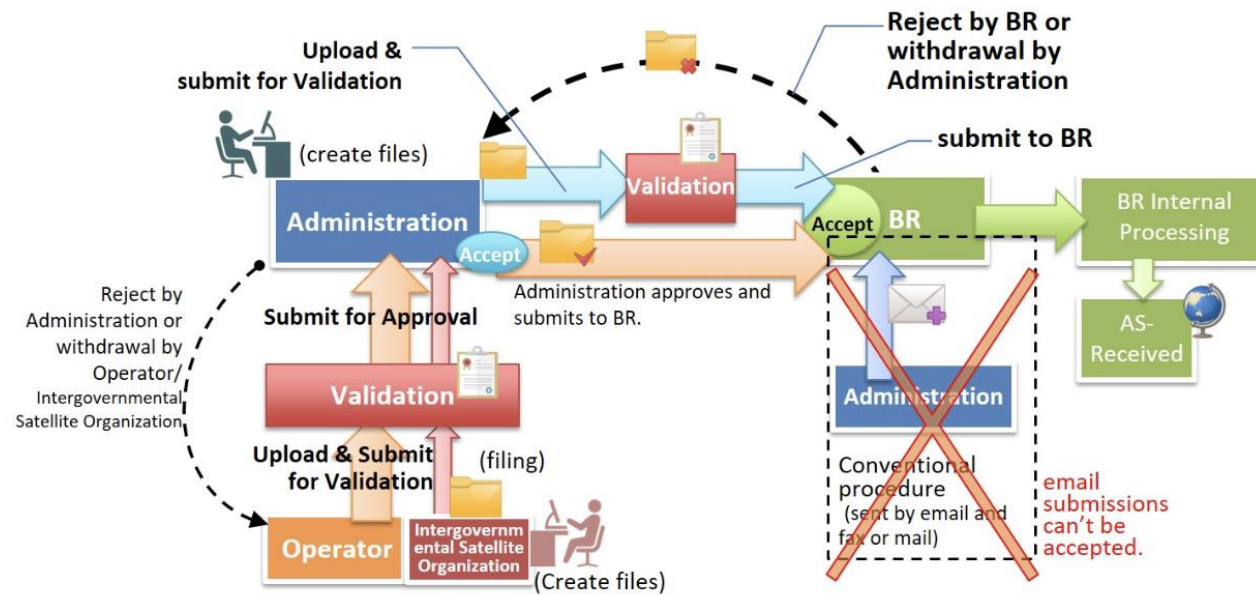


Filing



Satellite operations and service
provision

Filing aspect

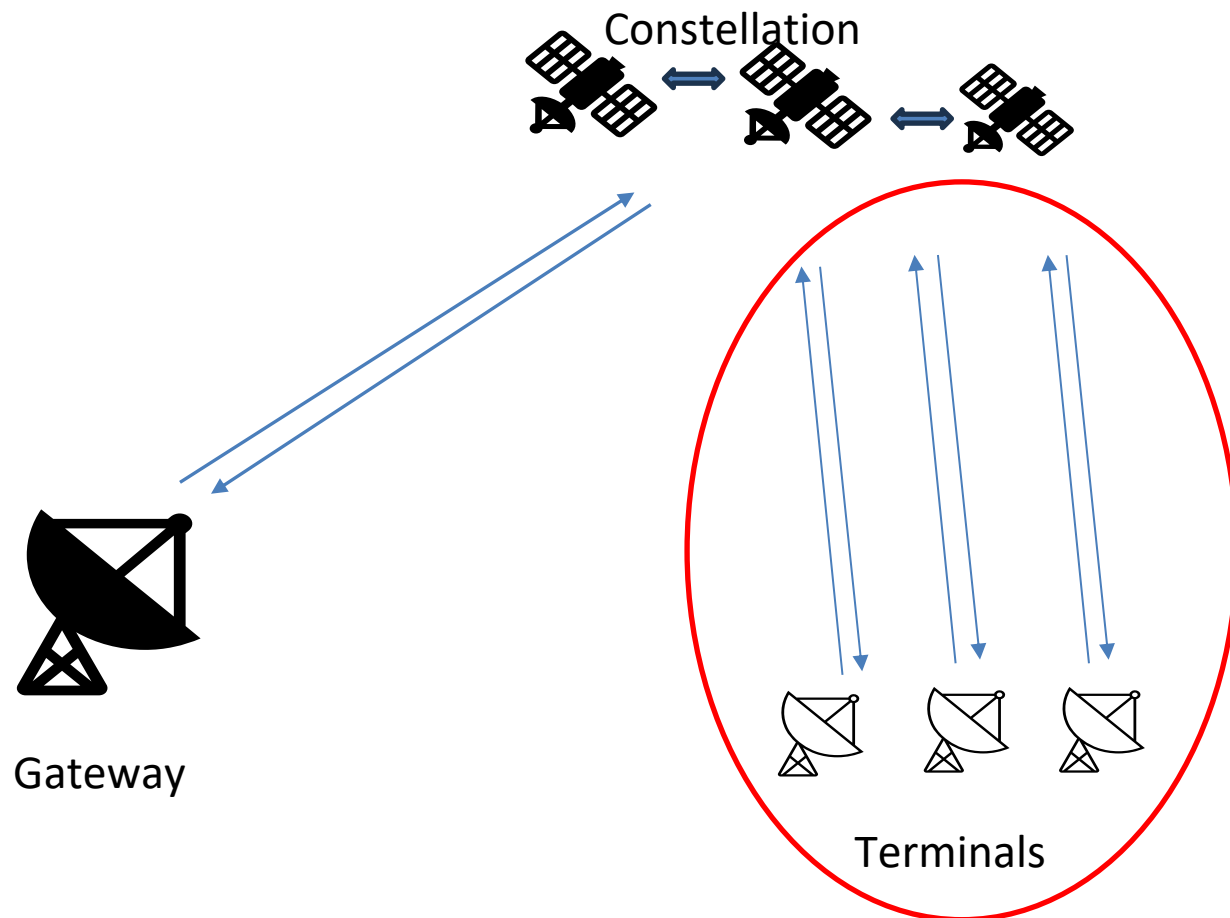


Abstract of the Procedure on e-Submission

Source: ITU

- Key considerations in filing licensing:
 - The Radio Regulations compliance
 - Coexistence with other services
 - The impact on Rwanda and Africa
 - Future development of Rwanda and satellite industry

Services provision licensing aspect



Key considerations in licensing:

- Bridge the connectivity gap
- The National Laws and Regulations compliance
- Coexistence with other national communication services
- The quality of services
- Affordability of services
- Consumer protection

A regional approach for NGSO



ATU Secretariat

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- ❖ The African Telecommunication Union is working on a paper to assess the impact of NGSO
- ❖ The paper looks into opportunities, challenges, and regulatory considerations raised by NGSO systems and their provision of broadband services,
- ❖ focus on the potential impact on existing market players and maximizing the value of spectrum allocated to satellite services and how these services can increase connectivity in African countries.

Some challenges faced so far

limited local
customer
support

Some local
payment means
are not accepted
(eg. MoMo)

THANK YOU!

