

G20 DIGITAL ECONOMY MINISTERS MEETING AND DRAFT NEXT GENERATION RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM POLICY

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South Africa's Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies attended the G20 Digital Economy Ministers meeting in Bali, Indonesia on 1 September 2022. According to [Bloomberg](#), the meeting was the culmination of the Digital Economy Working Group's (DEWG) meetings which had discussed *"three priority issues of the digital economy at the G20 Indonesia Presidency, including digital connectivity, digital skills and literacy, and cross-country data flow."* [The Minister's speech](#) touched on the digital divide and explained how prioritising the licensing of frequency spectrum will help with this. It is significant that she mentions the benefits of spectrum because [South Africa's Cabinet](#) has approved the Draft Next Generation Radio Frequency Spectrum Policy for public comment. This policy *"seeks to promote equity and fair allocation [of spectrum] to contribute towards the transformation of the sector and accessibility of digital connectivity even in outlying parts of the country."* We will update you as soon as the Draft Next Generation Radio Frequency Spectrum Policy is published.