‘5G: WILL REGULATORS MAKE IT OR BREAK IT? VIEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD’

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Politicians and regulators around the world are vying to announce progress in their country on the 5G race. The right regulatory environment and policy decisions will have a huge impact on the timing and speed of 5G rollouts – as well as the cost, performance and variety of services and applications. The right decisions around spectrum, network management and site planning rules will give operators and application developers the platform to create game changing services. This session will look at the state of play around the world and the decisions being made to win the race to 5G.

OPENING REMARKS	
10.30 – 10.40	**GSMA Welcome – getting ready for 5G: the policy and spectrum perspective** GSMA
POLICY PANEL	
10.40 – 11.20	**DISCUSSION: The regulatory pathways to create world leading 5G networks and services** As the digital and mobile revolution picks up speed, 5G networks promise great progress. However, can technology on its own accelerate the 5G era to take root and grow? Or do we need fresh regulatory thinking to enable the virtualised frameworks and agile infrastructure that underpin 5G networks? This panel will examine what is required to deliver super-dense 5G networks and how this new 5G evolution will impact deployment models, competition and services. Ultimately - are we ready for the regulatory challenge, and can policymakers deliver what the market and consumers require?
INDUSTRY PROGRESS	
11.20 – 11.40	**The Global Situation: 5G trials, deployments and launches** GSA

SPECTRUM PANEL	
11.40 – 12.20	**DISCUSSION: Spectrum wars: The harmonisation struggle to put national operators in a winning position** 5G spectrum is needed now, with networks already being tried and tested, how will we ensure we will have the same winning combination that catapulted 4G onto world dominance? Will delays in the struggle to agree harmonised bands impact the delivery and timing of innovative products and services? Is spectrum sharing an answer or a regulatory nightmare? These questions and more will be posed to our experts from around the world as they share their experience on delivering the next generation mobile platform.
KEY TAKEAWAYS	
12.20 – 12.30	**Closing remarks – key takeaways and progressive new policies to make 5G happen – now….** GSMA