

## **Presentation 21: Legal Landmark for Guatemalan Telecommunication Services**

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The Guatemalan legal landmark presents specific conditions for the exploitation of radio electric spectrum, since the authorization for the use of frequency bands is done through Titles of Usufruct. As a consequence, the users are in position to choose the technologies, which adequate to the market conditions, and the amount of frequency space to be used in regards to their own frequency plans within the segments that they have the right to use. The authorization for satellites services is issued through Licenses, not only to providers but to users of satellite facilities as well. The former has contributed to show that the telecommunication services has had a high and sustained growth, which has in turn aroused the interest of several specialized entities to carry out studies on the Guatemalan legal landmark. In this presentation the relevant aspects of the General Law of Telecommunication will be described, with emphasis to the favorable as well as the less favorable aspects of the Law. Relevant aspects of the digital Gap, and a short description of the telecommunication services in the rural area will also be discussed. In his previous experience Mr. Cabañas held positions as Project Manager for companies such as Alcatel and Telgua (the later a branch of America Mobil), in which he had under his responsibility the implementation of wireless and fiber optics transport network, as well as the renovation of central telephony network.