



ORAL PRESENTATIONS

National Radio Frequency Plan to ICASA

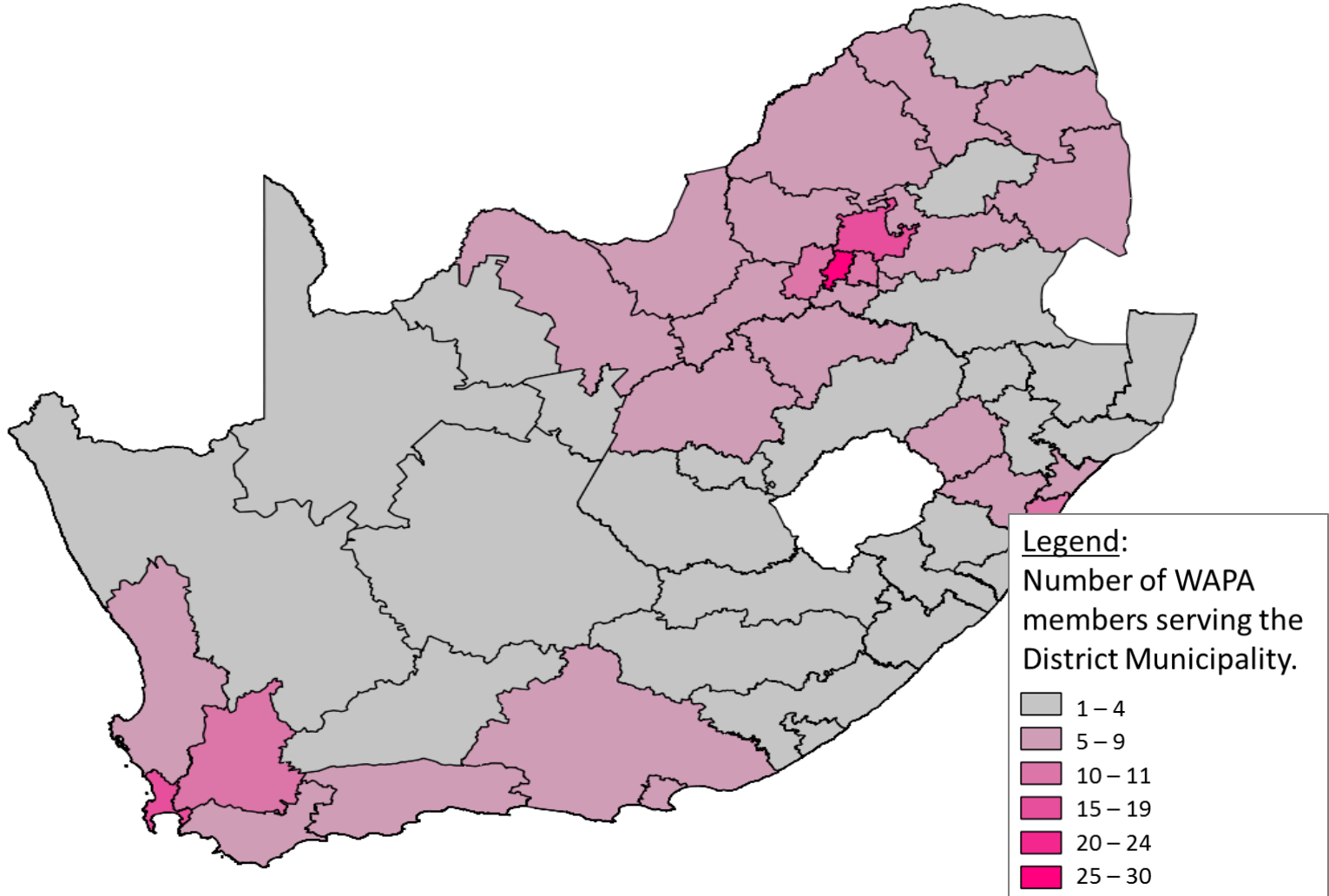
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Who is WAPA?



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- WAPA = Wireless Access Providers Association
 - NPO formed in 2006
 - Represents interests of Independent Wireless Internet Service Provider community
 - More than 220 members Rural and Urban
 - Promotes Technical and Business best practices
 - Engages in Policy Work to promote Spectrum Allocation for WISP community SMME development

Where do you find them?



Transformation



- Recognise the importance of transformation in the ICT industry
- WISPs are an ideal vehicle for
 - SMME development and entrepreneurship
 - Skills transfer and training
 - Rural development

Our appreciation

- Our gratitude for the Authority's efforts to improve the formatting and access of the Draft NRFP
- Highlighting of proposed amendments – as requested – stands to the credit of the draft NRFP project team
- WAPA welcomes the addition of various allocations for Fixed Services (PtP)

Expanding the Industry



- We submit that the historical scarcity of BFWA (Broadband Fixed Wireless Access) spectrum represents the **single greatest barrier to expansion** of the industry and accordingly welcome the addition of multiple BFWA additions
- BFWA allocation of **3600 to 4200MHz** of particular interest to WAPA members.

Remarks on 3.6 to 4.2GHz BWFA allocation



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WAPA hereby confirms its desire to participate in any future hearings which may be held in relation to the draft NRFP

[Thank you.](#)

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