



# Digital Radio Mondiale

**HFCC-ASBU B15  
Coordination Conference**

**Brisbane  
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# The DRM Consortium



## The DRM Consortium

- **Founded in 1998** by international organizations in China to promote the adoption of the DRM standard worldwide
- **Not-for-profit**
- **Around 100 international members**  
(broadcasters, manufacturers, network operators, regulators, research institutes, etc.)
- **Experts and technologists**  
ready to give expert, objective advice on the technology
- **Open** to companies, organisations, associations and individuals who can join at any time

For joining the DRM Consortium, write to: [projectoffice@drm.org](mailto:projectoffice@drm.org)



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# Selection of DRM Consortium Members

AMPEGCN



JVC KENWOOD



Parrot



बेसिल



Continental Electronics

RFmondial



Visteon



NEW Pakistan Broad. Corp



The not-for-profit DRM Consortium supports and promotes the DRM Standard and its take-up globally



# DRM Receives ITU Award -1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2014 For its Outstanding Contribution in the last 10 years In the Field of Telecommunications





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- **Good coverage** area and robust signal
  - Supporting SFN (Single Frequency Networks)
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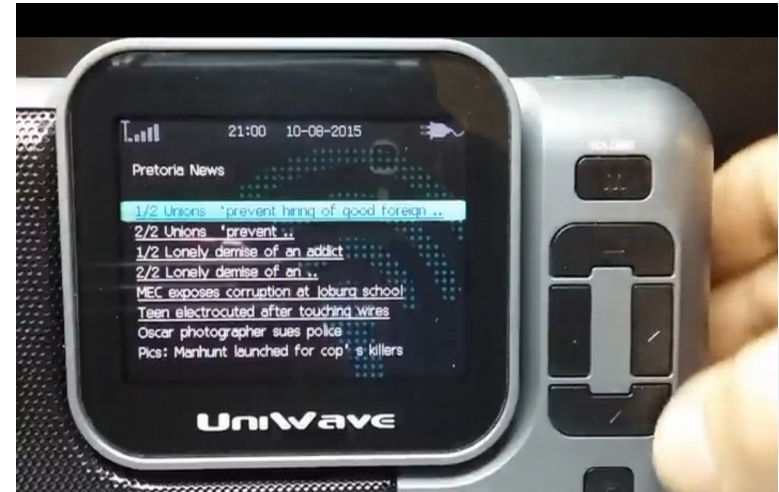
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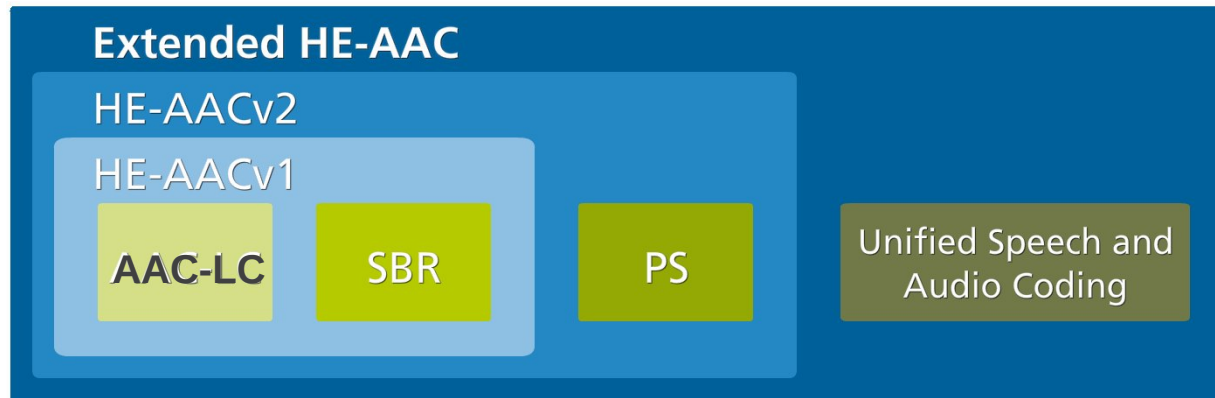




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# MPEG xHE-AAC – Extended HE-AAC



– Equally suits **speech and music coding at very low bit rates**

– MPEG/ISO standardised in 2012

– Applications:

Media download (mobile devices), Streaming, Digital Radio, Mobile TV





# DRM in the World



## DRM Key Markets

### Some Key Markets

- India
- Southern Africa
- Brazil
- Russia
- Arab Countries?



## India

Population – 1.2 Billion

Public Service Broadcaster - All India Radio

- Transmitters – 574
- MW – 144, SW – 48 & FM - 382
- Domestic Coverage – Almost 100%
- External Services – 72 Hrs/day in 27 Languages (15 Foreign & 12 Indian)

Private FM Broadcasters – 245 Stations

- Coverage – About 30%
- Expansion Planned – 839 Stations

Community Radio Stations - 167

Internet Users – Over 220 Million



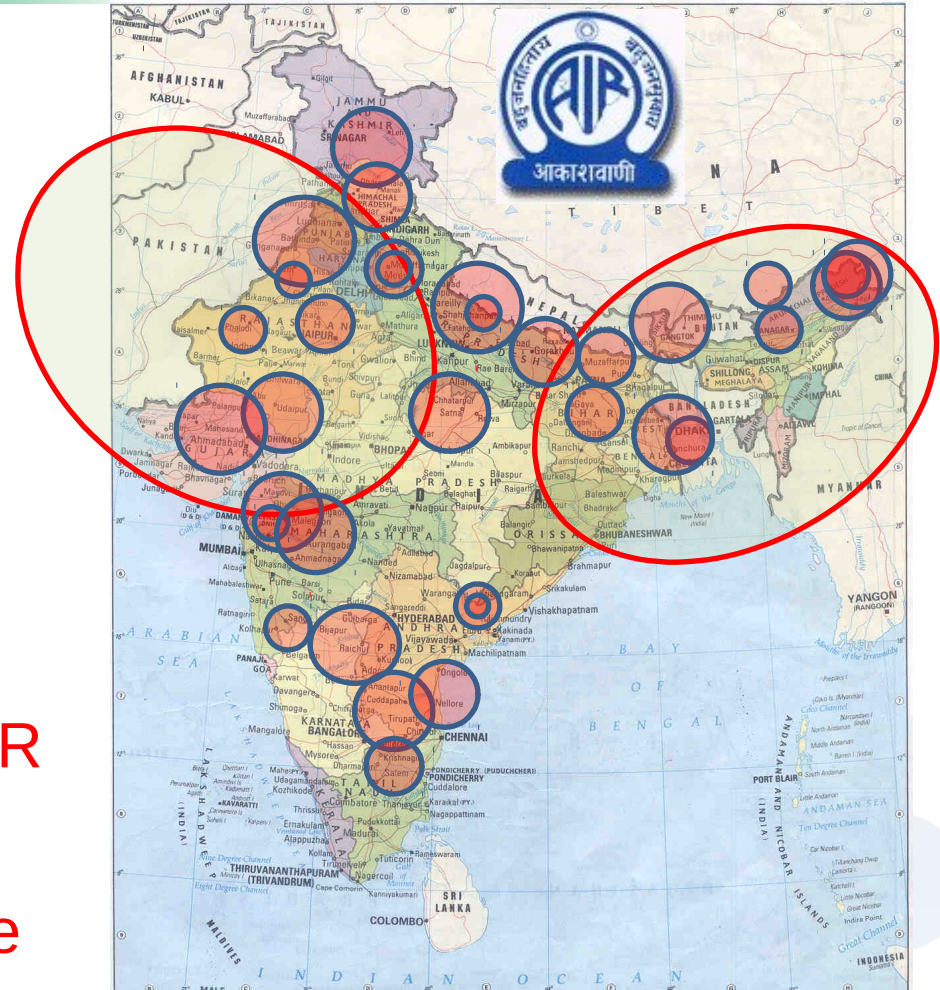


India



"One of the world's largest digital radio deployments"

- Transmitters 39
- Investment Over 3 Billion INR
- Power 8,000 kW
- Coverage 0.6 Billion people





# DRM MW Transmitters - Status



Power (kW)	No	Operational (as reported in Paris GA)	Operational subsequently	Total operational
1000	2	Rajkot & Kolkata	-	2
300	6	-	Rajkot, Lucknow, Jammu	3
200	10	Delhi	Bangalore	2
100	11	Panaji & Pune	Mumbai A, Mumbai B, Vijayawada, Patna & Varanasi	7
20	6	Delhi, Chennai, Guwahati, Tawang,	-	6



# DRM SW Transmitters - Status



Power (kW)	No.	Operational (as reported in Paris GA)	To be made operational
500	1	Bangalore	-
250	1	Delhi	-
100	2	-	Aligarh
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

# AIR enters `Digital Transmission` era



**19<sup>th</sup> Jun 2015**

**AIR started transmitting two channels**

**– Vividh Bharati and FM Rainbow –**

**in pure digital (DRM) mode from New Delhi**

**from 20kW MW transmitter**

**at 1368 kHz**



## Africa

Significant interest in DRM in **Southern Africa** in last 2 years

**DRM30 tests** started or in preparation in several countries

SW DRM transmissions in October 2011, July 2013, April 2014

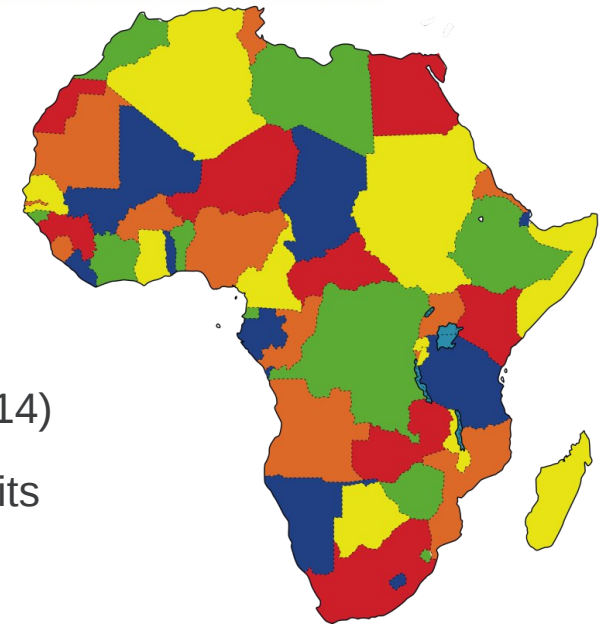
DRM Consortium attends regularly **major SABA events** (2013 – 2014)

**Increasing African countries** attracted to DRM broadcasting benefits (such as Mozambique, Botswana, Zambia)

**Nigeria** adopted DRM and is broadcasting for abroad from Abuja since March 2012 with increased DRM output since May 2014

**Mozambique (adopted DRM), Zambia, Botswana, (Tanzania)** showing great interest

**Algeria** adopted DRM and installed transmitters in 2013



## Southern Africa

Launch of the DRM Southern Africa Platform in Pretoria in June 2014 to promote DRM across Southern Africa <http://www.drmsa.org/>

Radio Pulpit has made history by leading the South African radio broadcasting industry into the digital era with the **first LIVE digital medium wave broadcast in South Africa** in July 2014 in Pretoria and Johannesburg

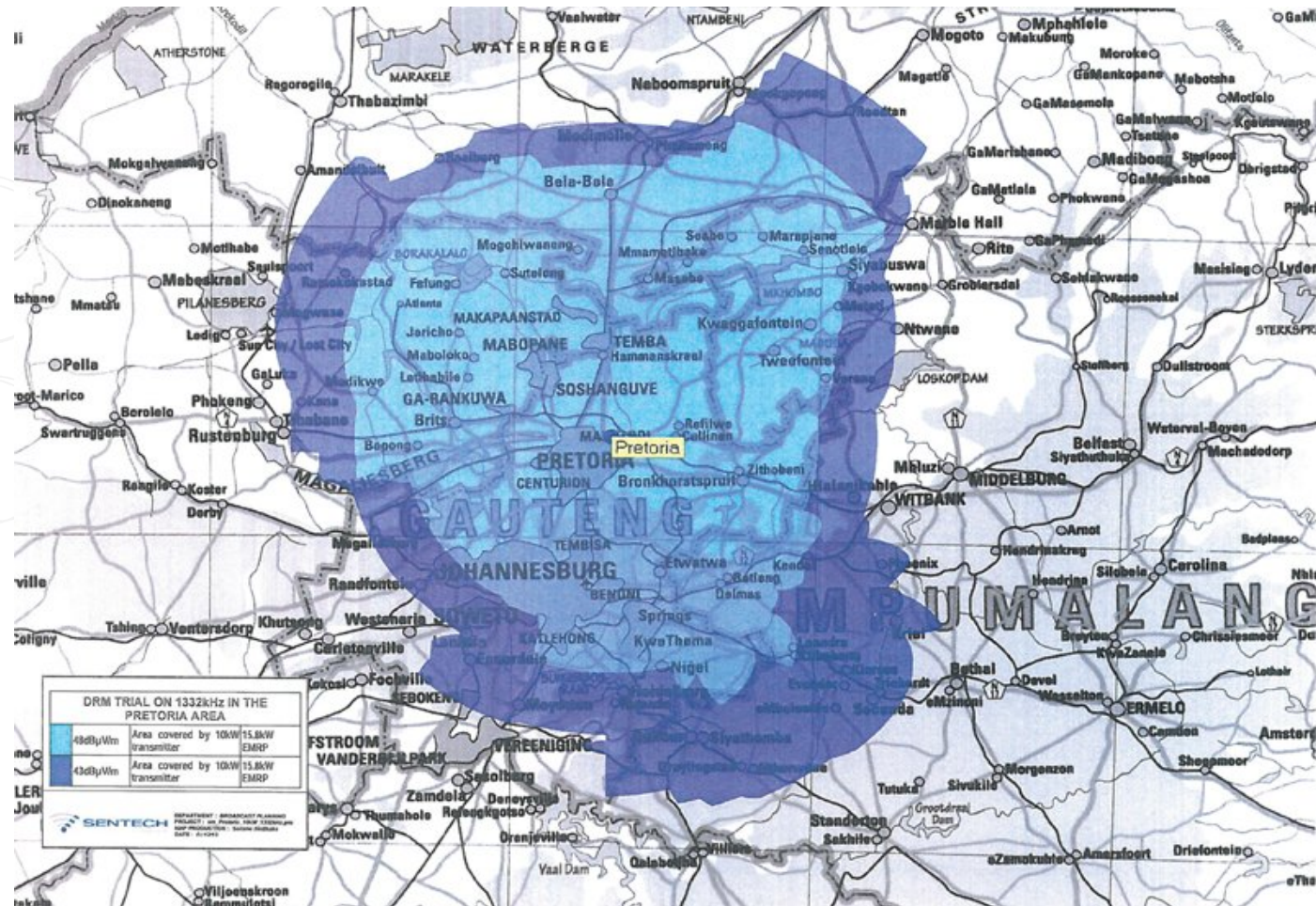
Second Channel with BBC content launched on February 1st 2015 with extra features (RSS, Journaline, text - Pretoria News Update) **contributed to a S. Africa government consultation** including holding a comprehensive workshop with live BBC broadcast from Ascension Island in July 2013 and April 2014, April 2015

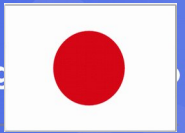
Car industry, receiver and equipment manufacturers show interest





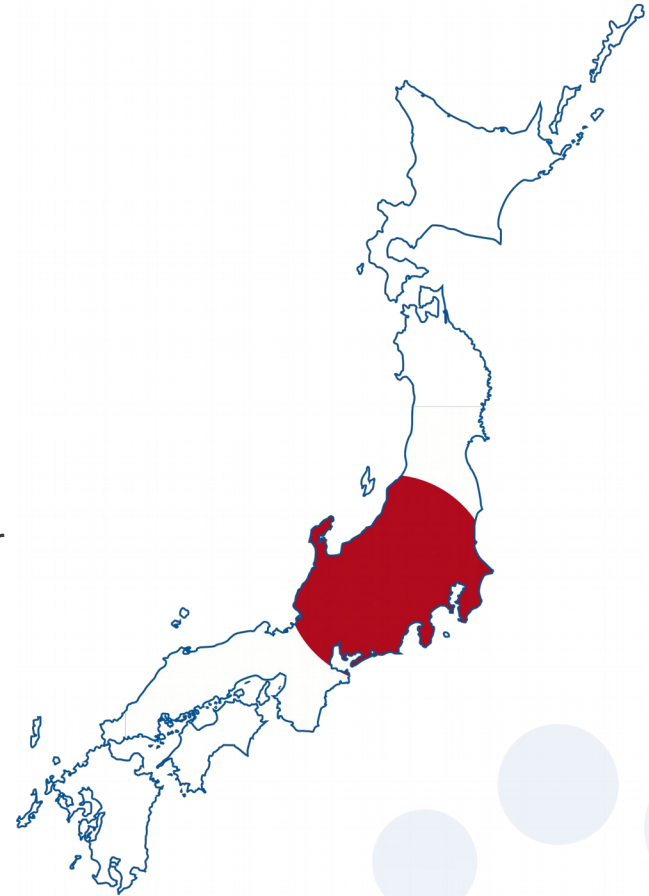
# DRM Trial – Expected Coverage (10kW)





## Japan - DRM Upgrade

- Japan acquired four x 300kW short wave Transmitters
- First new Transmitter went on-air in April 2013
- Three more planned at yearly intervals
- All DRM equipped and tested
- National decision to reinvest in DRM SW primarily after national disasters



## Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- The **Saudi Broadcasting Corporation** has adopted the DRM digital standard for MW and SW
- MW Transmission stations are located in Gazan, Taiba, Hafr Elbatin, Abha
- SW transmissions take place from Al-Khumra (Jeddah City)
- Current Projects: in Afif, in Layla ( Al-aflag ), in Duba and Riyadh





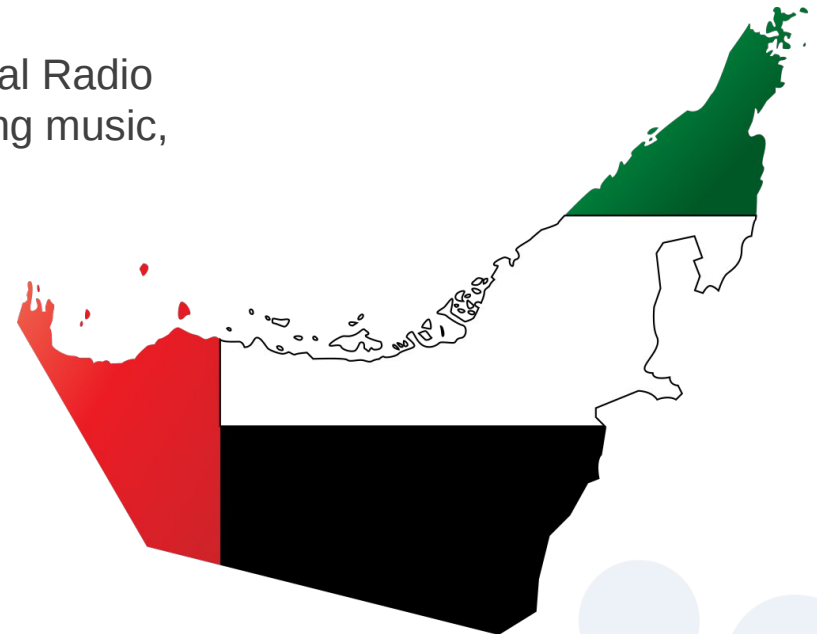
## United Arab Emirates

7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013: launch of the world's first Malayalam digital radio on UAE airwaves

The channel, Pravasi Bharathi 810 AM, Malayalam Digital Radio (DRM), aims to reach out to millions of listeners streaming music, discussions, news, current affairs and entertainment

Reaching all Gulf Cooperation Council nations with excellent DRM:

- like FM quality in digital radios
- and super AM quality in ordinary receivers







# DRM in Europe



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The **FUTURE** of global radio



## Germany



- DRM German Platform - the oldest and most active, website, comparative reports between DRM / DAB & DAB+
- Distribution of data on board of ships (navy, passenger, freight)
- **Test, Kaiserslautern** (2008-2010) band II, III
- **Test DRM+, Hannover** (2008-2011) band II, III
- Bit Express broadcasts in DRM+
- Publication of a report on available technologies for the digitisation of terrestrial radio in Europe: **“Digitalisation of Terrestrial Radio Broadcasting in Europe”**
- That document is a summary of the report of **“Considerations for the Digital Transition of Local and Regional Terrestrial Broadcast Radio in Germany”** published on 3rd Sept 2013 and consultable on the EBU site <https://tech.ebu.ch/digitalradio>

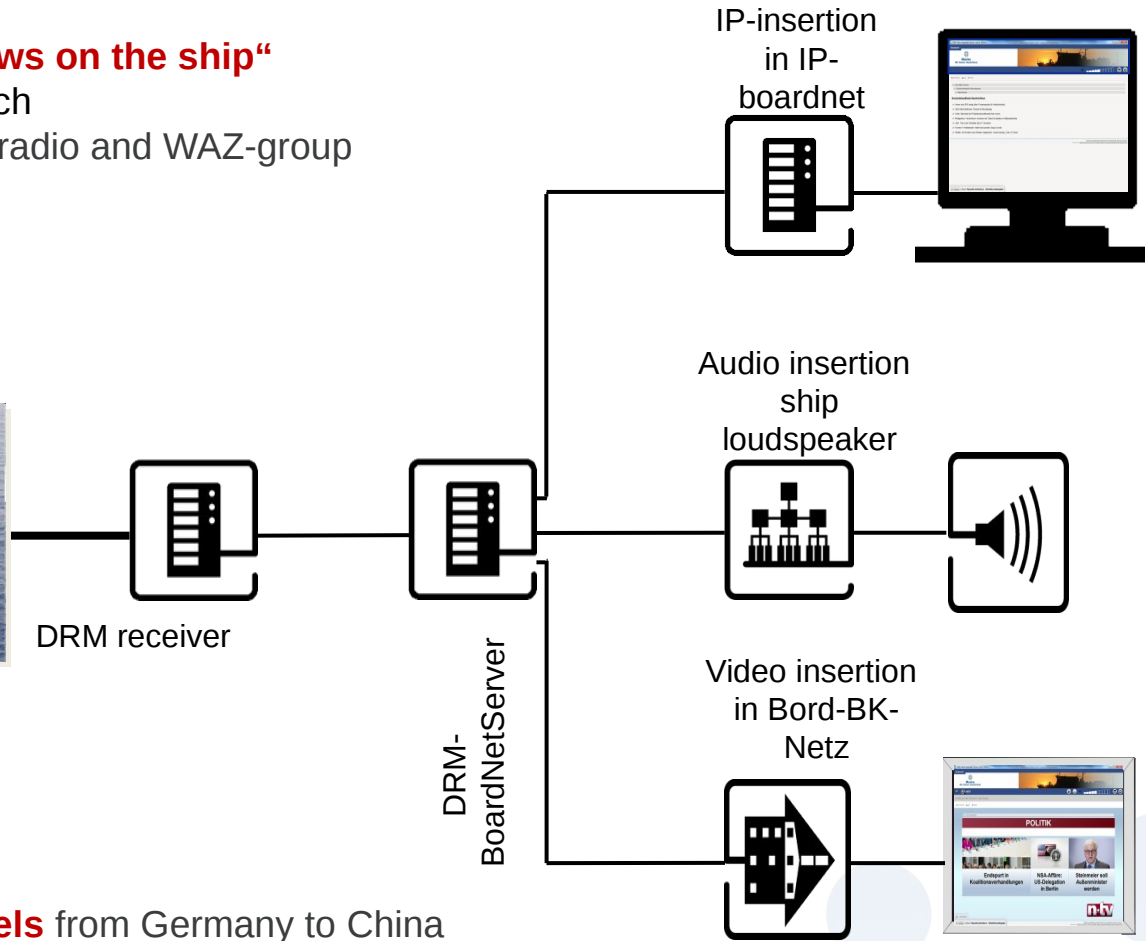
## DRM for Data Distribution (Germany)

### On Board Infotainment Service „News on the ship“

- **Audio service** from Radio Andernach
- **RSS news feeds** from Deutschlandradio and WAZ-group
- **News** from n-tv (images, videos)



Usage of existing SW antenna



### Outlook:

- On service with **German Navy**
- Tested with **ocean freight vessels** from Germany to China
- Tested with a **cruise ships** from the Baltic sea to Alaska



# DRM Signs The EBU Smart Radio Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)



[http://www3.ebu.ch/files/live/sites/ebu/files/Programming/Radio/Digital%20Radio/MOU\\_signed.pdf](http://www3.ebu.ch/files/live/sites/ebu/files/Programming/Radio/Digital%20Radio/MOU_signed.pdf)

## All Major Chipsets Manufacturers have Multi-Standard chipsets ready or announced with DRM!



one platform  
for HD, DAB/DAB+/T-DMB and DRM



**Dec 2014:** **Parrot** launches ready-to-use multi-standard Radio modules for Automotive Based on SDR Octopus chip supporting **DRM30/DRM+**, DAB/DAB+, DVB-T2Lite, ISDB-Tsb, AM/FM

**Feb 2014:** **Siano** launches Advanced Multi-Standard Digital Radio Receiver Chip Supporting **DRM+**, T-DMB/DAB/DAB+, and Legacy FM Radio –

**Dec 2013:** **Frontier Silicon** announces details of its multi-standard chipset with **DRM**  
<http://www.frontier-silicon.com/new-digital-radio-chip-targets-smart-devices-and-global-markets>

**March 2013 :** **NXP** launches Multi-standard and multi-tuner digital radio baseband processors for **DRM** radio, HD, DAB, DAB+, T-DMB

**Other Chipset manufacturers: Analog Devices, PnP etc.**





# Latest DRM Receiver



## AV DR1401

Full DRM feature set

Available now

Commercially launched at  
IBC 2015

[ankit@avionelectronics.in](mailto:ankit@avionelectronics.in)





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## REQUEST

The DRM CONSORTIUM  
Asks HFCC to pull together all DRM  
broadcasts in order to make them  
available at a click of a button ( to  
feature also on new DRM APP.) now  
receiver is reality!

## CONCLUSION

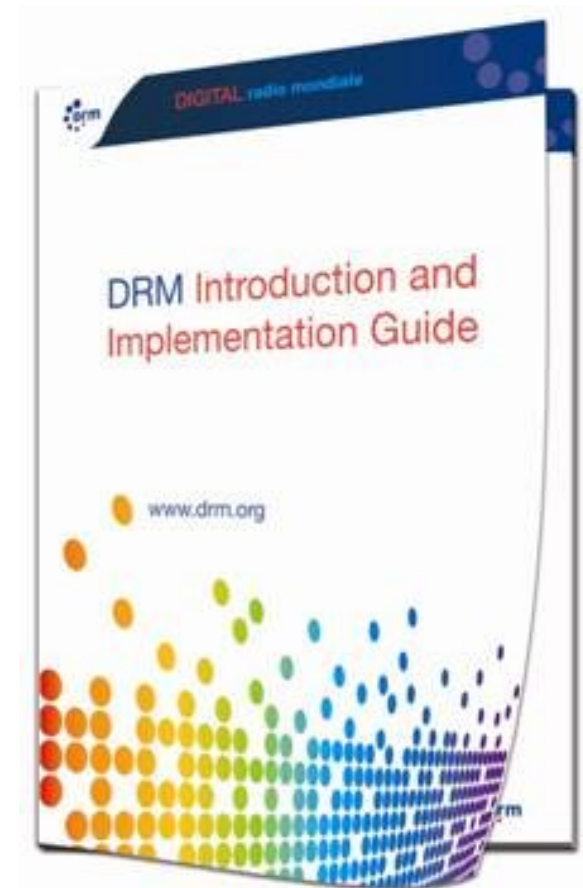
- DRM is **new and flexible**. It is ready and can be deployed NOW
- DRM helps you reach all listeners (**in city or rural areas**)
- DRM creates **more channels**, offers possibility for more content and **multimedia** with excellent coverage and sound quality
- DRM uses **existing infrastructure** and builds on it
- **No need for multiplexes** – be your own master
- DRM saves **energy costs** (significantly)
- DRM offers **monetisation opportunities** and creates **JOBS!**



# All you need to know on DRM – Free

## DRM Introduction and Implementation Guide

Updated – Version 2





# More Information on DRM



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