Acronyms

APT	Asia Pacifif Telecommunity
ARTAO	Association des Régulateurs des Télécommunications de l'Afrique de l'Ouest
ASK	Amplitude Shift Keying
ATRN	African Telecommunication Regulators Network
BSS	Broadcast Satellite Services
BUC	Block Up Converter
CCITT	International Telephone and Telegraph Consultative Committee
CDMA	Code Multiple Access
CIR	Committed Information Rate
CITEL	Inter-American Telecommunication Commission
DAMA	Demand Assigned Multiple Access
DB	Decibel
DBS	Direct Broadcast Satellite
DSL	Digital Subscriber Link
DVB	Digital Video Broadcast
EIRP	Effective Isotropic Radiated Power
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standard Institute
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FDDI	Fiber Distributed Data Interface
FDM	Frequency -division multiplexing
FEC	Forward Error Correction
FSK	Frequency Shift Keying
FSS	Fixed Satellite Services
GEO	Geosynchronous Orbit
GMDSS	Global Maritime Distress and Safety System
GPS	Global Position Satellite
GSO	Geostationnery orbit
GVF	Global VSAT Forum
HPA	High Power Amplifier
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IDU	Indoor Unit
IFL	Interfacility cable
IFRB	International Frequency Board
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IMSO	International Mobile Satellite Organization
INTELSAT	International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation
IPX	Internetwork Packet Exchange
IRG	Independent Regulators Group
ITSO	International Telecommunications Satellite Organization
ITU	Internatonial Telecommunications Union
LAN	Local Area Network
LEO	Low Earth Orbit
LHCP	Left Hand Circular Polarization
LNA	Low Noise Amplifier

LNB	Low Noise Block
LRIT	Long Range Identification and Tracking of Ships
MEO	Medium Earth Orbit
MSS	Mobile Satellite Services
MTBF	Mean Time Between Failure
MTR	Mean Time to Restore
NAC	Network Admission Control
NGSO	Non Geostationnery orbit
NRA	National Regulatory Authorities
NTIA	National Telecommunications and Information Administration
ODU	Outdoor Unit
OFCOM	Independent regulator and competition authority for the UK communications industries
OMT	Orthomode Transducer
OSI	Open System Interconnection
PAMA	Pre-Assigned Multiple Access
PSK	Phaze Shift Keying
QAM	Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
QPSK	Quadrature Phaze Shift Keying
RFP	Request For Proposal
RFQ	Request For Quotation
RHCP	Righ Hand Circular Polarization
RTP	Real Time Transfer Protocol
SCPC	Single Channel Per Carrier
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SOHO	small office/home office
SONET	Synchronous Optical Network
SSPA	Solid State Power Amplifier
TCP/IP	Transfer Control Protocol / Internet Protocol
TDM	Time-division multiplexing
TDMA	Time Division Multiple Access
TRASA	Telecommunications Regulators' Association of Southern Africa
TT&C	Tracking, Telemetry and Command
TVRO	Television Receive Only
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
VoIP	Voice Over IP
VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal
WAN	Wide Area Network
WARC	World Administrative Radio Conferences
WMV	Windows Media Video
WRC	World Radio Communications Conferences
WTO	World Trade Organization