



Recent Progress of 6G R&D in Korea : 6G Vision Fest & Network Intelligence Perspective

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6G Forum





A system to secure Global 6G Leadership

In line with the K-Network 2030 strategy of the Ministry of Science and ICT (May 30, 2023)





A public-private partnership organization to build an industrial ecosystem foundation

- To proactively set 6G strategies in respond to the rapidly changing technological advancement to secure global
 leadership
 - To promote international cooperation with global 5G/6G-related organizations and support leadership in international standardization.
 - To put efforts in the identification of new services to accelerate the convergence across various industries with 5G/6G

After 10 years of successful 5G Forum activities since its inception on May. 30, 2013,

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Target



> Support in expanding 5G into Verticals & achieving Global Leadership in 6G

5G Evolution

(~Y2026)

5G Expansion into Verticals

Building a Platform for Expanding 5G into Verticals 5G **Showcasing Exemplary Cases of 5G Verticals**



6G Revolution

Achieving Global 6G Leadership (~Y2030)

Global Cooperation System Set-up for

6G

World Best Commercialization Support for 6G

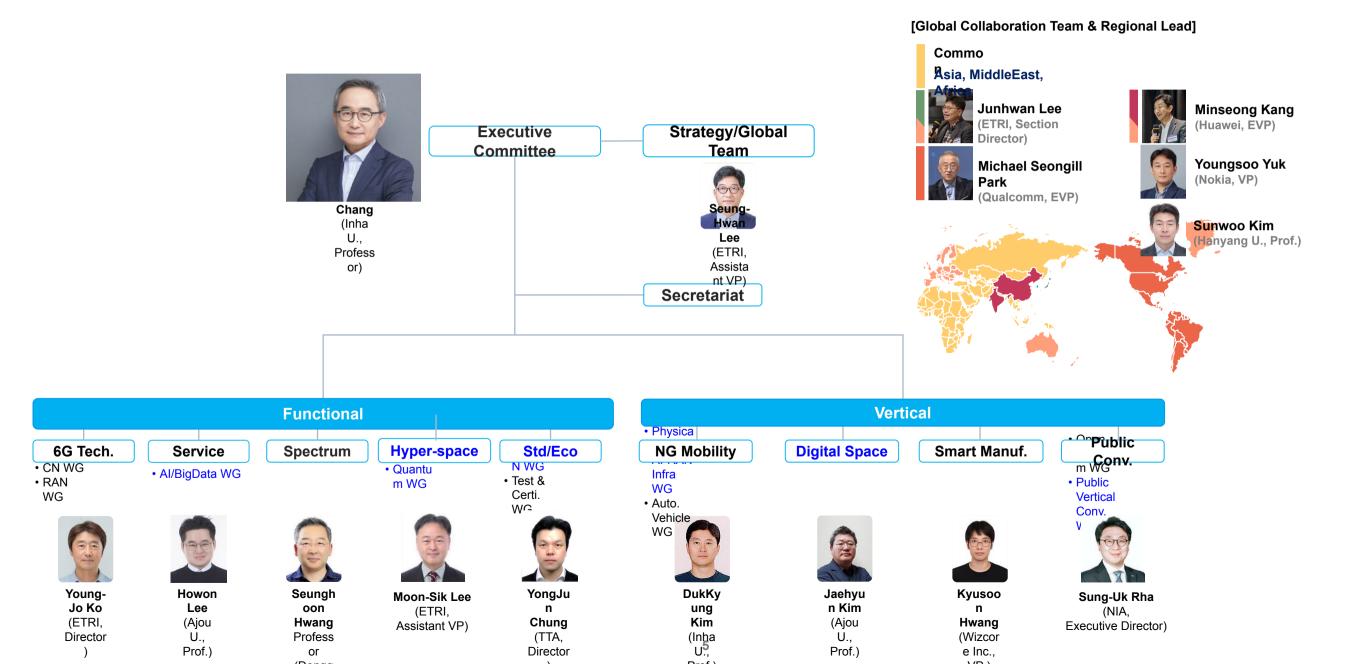


Experience and Lessons from 5G Commercialization

Support Government, Research Institutes, Academies & Industries to accelerate **Innovation in 6G**



> Advisory, Executive - 9 Technical Committees (10 WGs) + 2 Teams



Member



Domestic Telcos, Vendors, Solution Providers, SMEs, Gov. Agencies & Global Companies (Total 56 member companies)



Members

Activities by

Number

• USA: 5G Americas, Next G

Alliance

• China: IMT-2020PG, IMT-2030PG

Japan: 5GMF, XGMF

• Taiwan: 5G Alliance-CHT Pilot

• Etbain 6 PPP, UK 5 GIN, WWRF

5G ACIA, 5G AA, 6G-IA, one6G

• Turkiye: 5GTR

Indonesia: i5G Forum

• India: TSDSI, B6GA

• Malaysia : MTSFB

• GSMA







· Chairs:

10 LGU+(Chair Company), SKT, KT, Samsung **Electronics**, LG Electronics, Ericsson LG, KMW, ETRI, Innowireless, Samsung

• Gov. Agencies :

+3 Companies (Approval scheduled for

· Global: 8 August) Memb Comp



Executive Committee

- Advisory Committee
- Strategy/International Collaboration Team
- 9 Technical Committees & 2 Teams
- 10 Working Groups (WGs)

Committee/WG Meetings

(Year Av.)

White Paper / Issue Report

• White Paper:

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5G-Advanced RAN1/2 Standard, 5G-Advanced architecture, C-V2X, UAM CNS systems, NR RedCap for Smart Manufacturing, Open RAN Testing and Certification, Open RAN Small Cells, NTN and Open RAN, Quantum Cryptography, 6G and Generative

• IssMe4Report:

31 Frequency Trends, Vertical Service Standard, Private 5G networks, Energy-efficient Networks, Hyperconnected Intelligent Cities.

Ultra-Low Latency Video Processing for Remote Vehicle

• 6G Repolity 6G Vision, 6G FT G Smart Mining, etc.

• Global 5G Event: 11 5G Vertical Summit: 11

• Regional Workshop: 8

• 6G Global: 5

• 5G Open Symposium: 9 • 6G Tech Workshop: 1

• 6G Forum-NGA JWS: 2 • 6G Forum-B6GA JWS: 1

• Mobile Korea Demo Fest: 1 (Planned at Mobile Korea 2025, Oct

27-30) **Promotio**

Projects & Supports

Projects

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Convergence Technologies. ✓ Study on !

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✓ Study on Open corronthaul and Small Cell Technologies.

✓ Study on 5G Private Networks and 5G+ Convergence **Services**

Policy Supports

- **✓** 5G/5G+ Strategy and Working Committees
- ✓ Support for 5G Convergence Service Pilot Projects
- ✓ 6G R&D Strategy Committee
- ✓ Advisory Activities on C-ITS Comm. Tech. Decision
- ✓ 6G Society







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Role of Government

- K-Network 2030 ('23.02)
- 6G Core Technology R&D Program ('21~'25)
- 6G Commercialization Technology R&D Program ('24~'28)
- LEO Telecom Technology R&D Program ('25~'30)

Technical Advancement

- Coverage and network topology beyond cellular, including NTN
- New spectrum and antenna, and new radio technologies
- Native AI for Connected Intelligence



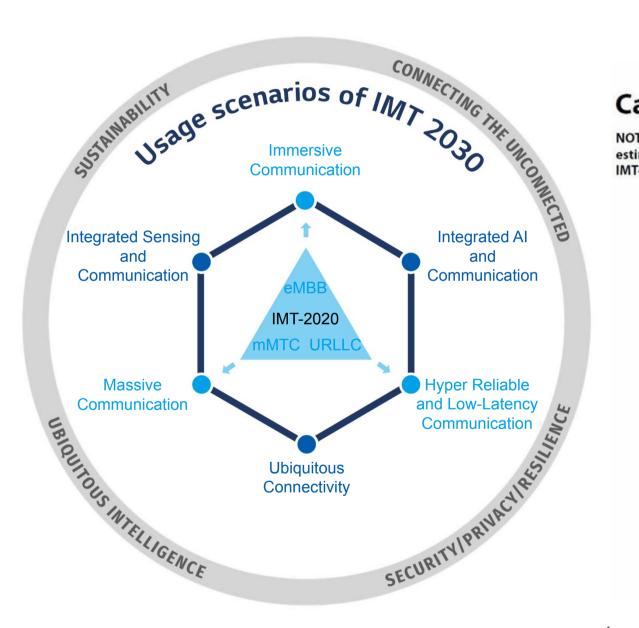


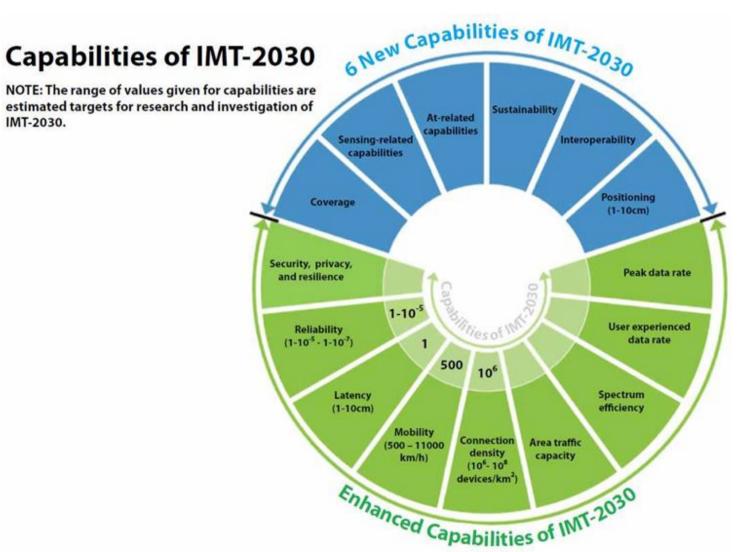
Societal Requirement

- Clean and safe society
- Sustainable society
- Fair and transparent society
- Consensus Building w. Verticals

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3GPP WS on 6G [March 2025, Korea] (1)





6G Motivation (Why 6G?)





Support for New Services and Use Cases

 Enabling new services and use cases beyond traditional communication, such as integrated sensing and communication (ISAC), XR/immersive communication, and Al-based services - Compute.

Revenue Growth and Monetization

· Creating new revenue streams by monetizing network capabilities and supporting diverse applications across

Al and Automation

 Implementing AI-native networks for automation, optimization, and improved efficiency in network management and resource allocation.

Energy Efficiency and Sustainability

 Reducing energy consumption and promoting environmental sustainability through energy-saving features in network design and AI-driven power management.

Spectrum Efficiency

· Utilizing spectrum efficiently, including dynamic spectrum sharing and exploring new spectrum bands.

Ubiquitous Coverage

. Seamlessly integrating terrestrial and non-terrestrial networks (NTN) for ubiquitous coverage and resilient services.

Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) Reduction

. Reducing capital expenditure (CAPEX) and operational expenditure (OPEX) through simplified network operations and improved energy efficiency.

Improved Service Reliability and Customer

. Enhancing service reliability, resiliency, and insights for improved customer experience.

Network Simplification

. Simplifying network architecture, reducing complexity, and improving operational efficiency.



AI/ML



- Al for 6G: This refers to using Al technologies to enhance and optimize 6G network operations, performance, and management. It involves integrating AI algorithms and machine learning models into various aspects of the 6G infrastructure to enable intelligent automation, efficient resource allocation, enhanced security, and improved service delivery. Al is a tool to make 6G better. Examples include using Al for:
 - Network management and orchestration including Resource allocation, predictive maintenance and Anomaly detection
 - · Security threat detection and prevention
 - QoS optimization and service personalization
 - Energy efficiency and sustainability
 - Radio interface optimizations such as RS overhead reduction, channel estimation, modulation, AI based receiver, protocol parameter adaptation, etc.

- 6G for AI: This refers to designing 6G networks to natively support and facilitate Al-driven applications, services, and use cases. It involves creating a network architecture that can efficiently handle the unique requirements of Al workloads, such as large data volumes, low latency, and high computing power, 6G is a platform to enable AI, Examples include:
 - Providing Al-as-a-Service (AlaaS) to various stakeholders
 - . Enabling Al agent communication and collaboration
 - . Supporting Al model training, inference, and management
 - · Facilitating data collection, transmission, storage, and processing for AI applications
 - · Enabling new AI-driven services such as personalized experiences, intelligent connectivity, and autonomous



6G System Design Considerations

@ 300P 2025



Focus and Simplicity

- Lean and streamlined standards for 6G, e.g., by dimensioning an appropriate set of functionalities, minimizing the adoption of multiple options for the same functionality, avoiding excessive configurations, etc.
- Cloud-Native Architecture
 - . Designing networks to be cloud-native to enable flexibility, agility, and innovation.
- - Integrating AI and MI, frameworks natively into the network for intelligent automation, optimization, and improved efficiency.
- Scalability and Modular Design
 - . Implementing a scalable and modular design that allows a wide range of features, device types, services, and spectrum bands to be developed and deployed as needed.
- Software-Driven Deployment
 - * Software-driven deployment with needs-based hardware refresh to allow for continuous innovation and agility.

- Interoperability
 - Designing components with interoperable interfaces and a unified management framework to ensure interoperability and avoid fragmentation.
- Enhanced Security
 - Ensuring the 6G system is secure by design to provide enhanced security and privacy.
- IoT Support
 - Designing 6G to support diverse IoT device types and use cases from day one, with a focus on long-term commitments and multi-generational solutions.
- Service-Aware
 - Enabling a service-aware intelligent network powered by Alnative, programmable, and service-aware 6G RAN.
- Ubiquitous Connectivity
 - Providing ubiquitous coverage through seamless integration of terrestrial and non-terrestrial networks.



Integration of Non-Terrestrial Networks (NTN)



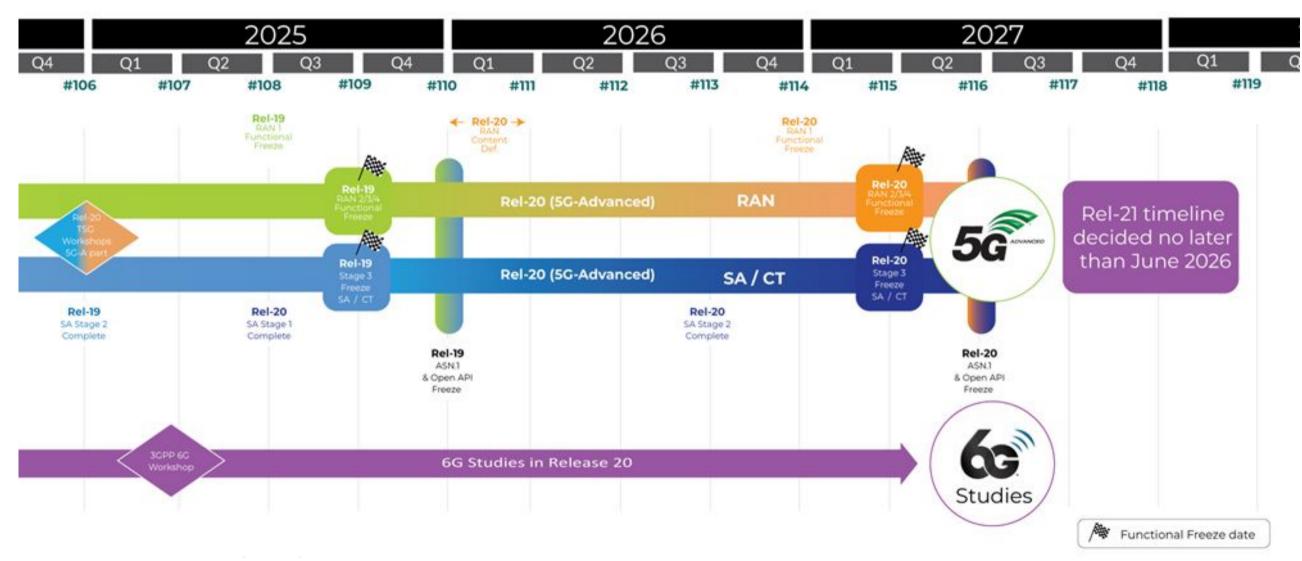
- 6G radio design to inherently support TN and NTN with a common design (as much as possible)
- Enhancement to 6G NTN beyond NR NTN (e.g. GNSS-less operation)
- Mechanisms to geo fence a Broadcast service provided by satellite access (i.e. bounded to a targeted geographical area).
- Mesh connectivity (UE-SAT-UE) with or without available feeder link while addressing security requirements
- Use the satellite access to also provide backhaul services to local area networks on board aircraft, vessels,
- Network entry/idle mode and connected mode across orbit
- Route optimization for satellite-borne networks



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from Chair's **Summary**

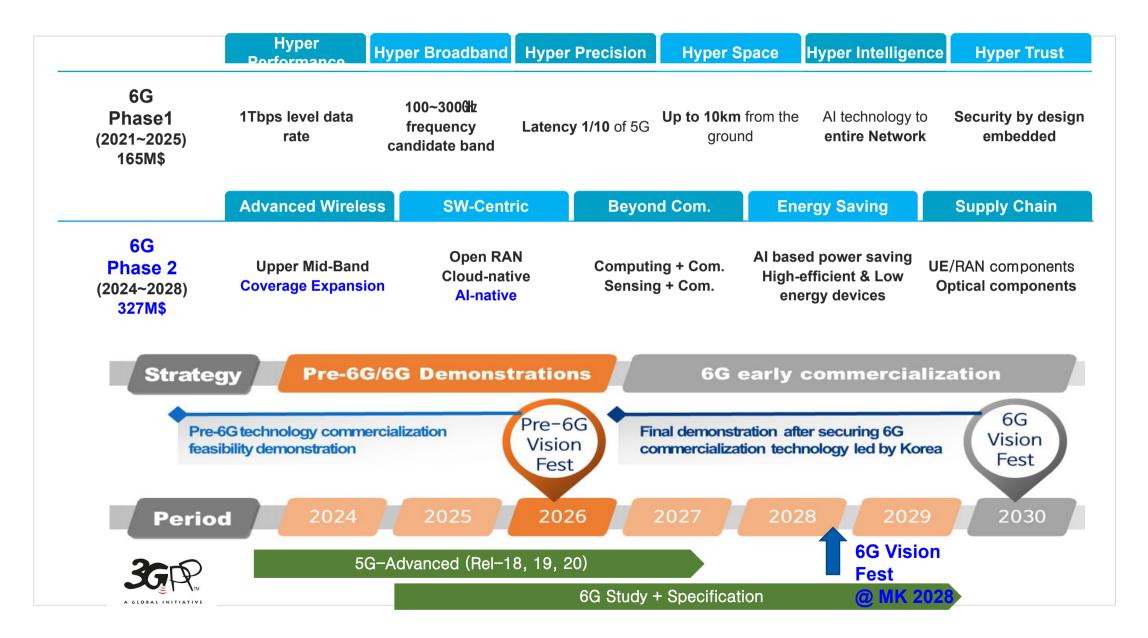




R&D Direction in Korea



> Whole Roadmap towards 6G from R&D & Commercialization Perspective



R&D Direction in Korea



> To overcome the Limitations of 5G reflecting the Future Technology Trends



6G Commercialization Technology R&D Program launched (USD 327m,

6G Day-1 R&D Direction in Korea



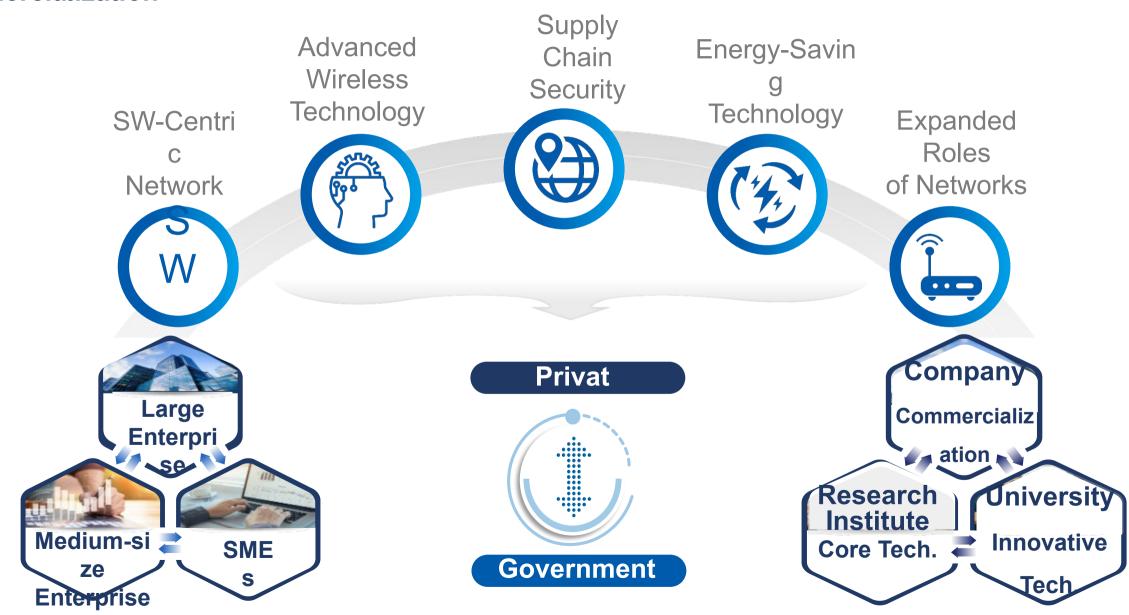
> Promoting the Development & Standardization of 11 Strategic Tech. across 4 Major Domains, aiming to make a Pre-6G & 6G Demonstration by 2026 & 2028

4 Domains	11 Strategic Technologies	
	1 E-MIMO systems	
RA	② E-MIMO base station component	
N	3 6G upper mid-band terminal component	
	4 6G coverage expansion	
Mobile Core Network	Mobile core network architecture and framework	
	6 Al-Native mobile core network automation/optimization	
Wired Network	7 6G Fronthaul optical link and transmission system	
	<a>⊕ 8 Integrated wireless and wired optical system	
	9 6G networking transmission component	
Syste	10 End-to-end service performance assurance framework	
m	1 6G system supporting Al-Native application services	

Pre-6G Vision Fest 2026

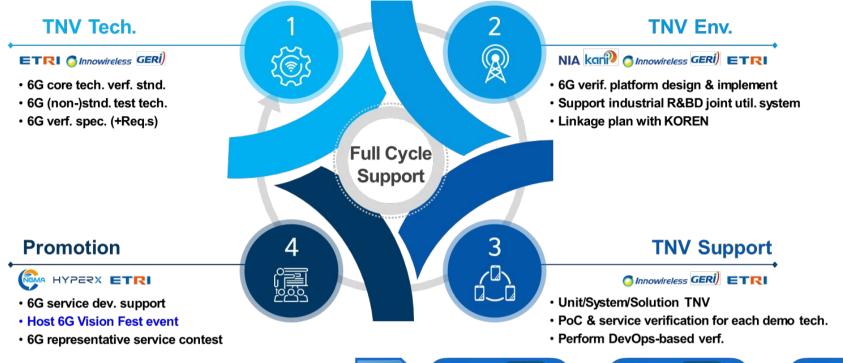


Demo of 47 core technologies in 11 strategic technology areas to secure the initiative in 6G commercialization



Pre-6G & 6G Test & Verification (TNV)





Standard/Non-Standard Requirements & Test Items

- RRM Interoperabi complian Security
- R@diated QoS/QoE Additional performance



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VIAVI

Global T&M Vendors Trends

- Keysight Technologies
 Anritsu
- Rohde & Schwarz
- Viavi Solutions

- Tektronix



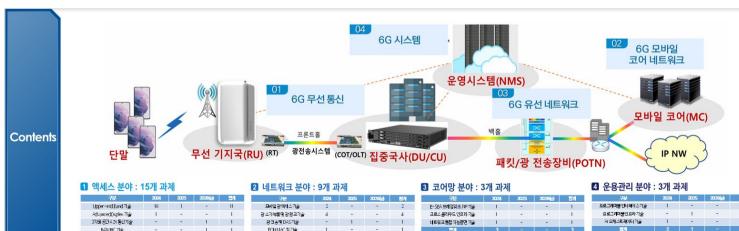


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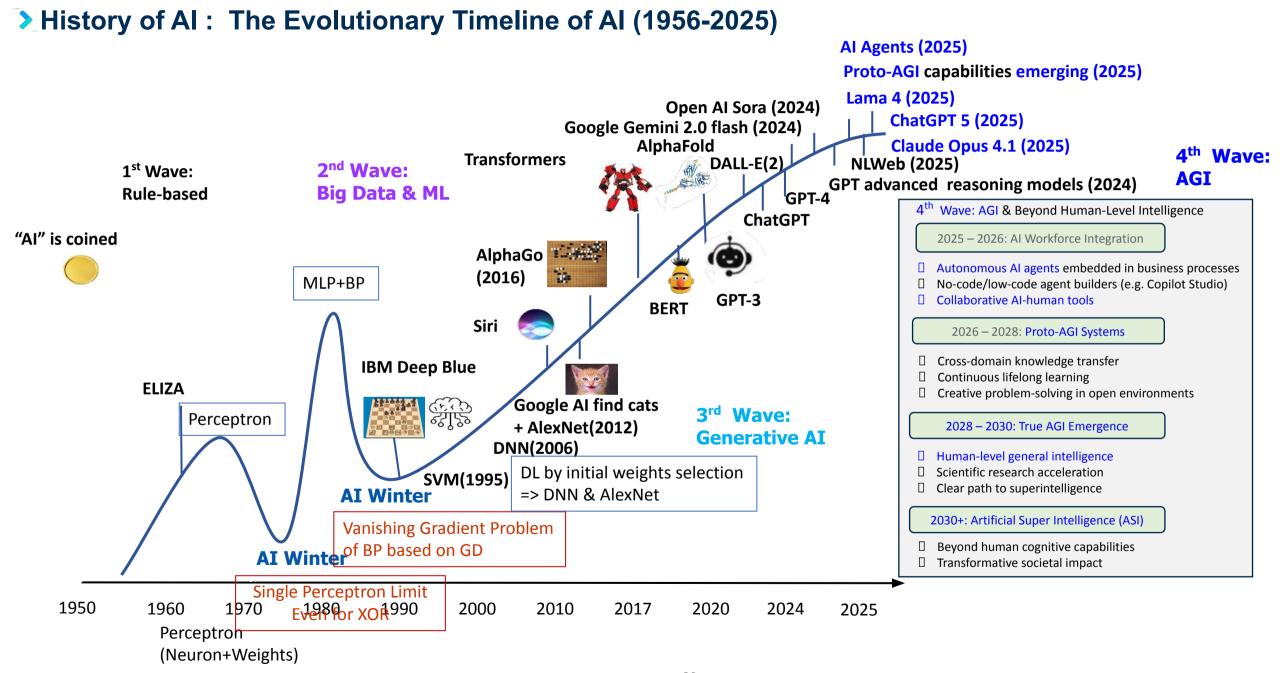




6G Intelligent Network

6G Intelligent Network: Points of Consideration





6G Intelligent Network: Points of Consideration



- > Tech. Enablers to make major distinction of 6G over 5G: NW Intelligence & NTN
 - #6G Forum

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- Al/BigData WG (May 2022 ~) & Physical Al-RAN Infra WG (Sep. 2025 ~) to promote NW Intelligence

Al/ML Adoption in NW currently

- NW Operation Intelligence for 5G Hyper-Connectivity (usually for Anomaly Detection & Root Cause Analysis (ADRCA))
 - . In-Time NW Management
 - . Zero-Touch Network Operation
 - . Big Data-based Traffic Forecast
 - . RT Traffic & Service Control
- 5G Services by **Al Agents**
 - . User-specific by NLP & Sentiment Analysis
- Energy Saving (ES)
 - . For RU (78%): On/Off of Cell/Booster Carrier/MIMO TRx/PA & ES Mode Scheduling
 - . Data Center (for Al model training & inference)
 - : Robust SW Framework to resolve Al Workload
- Challenges: Accurate Data Analytics for Decision Making Support / Way of Transforming Al/ML Knowledge for NW & Service

Out of Standard : Vendor-specific (HW Nonlinearity, Detector, Universal Decoder, part of

OAM, etc.)

Success Story

Ex1] Planning & Operation by AI: In-building Cell Planning for Best Number & Position of Cells

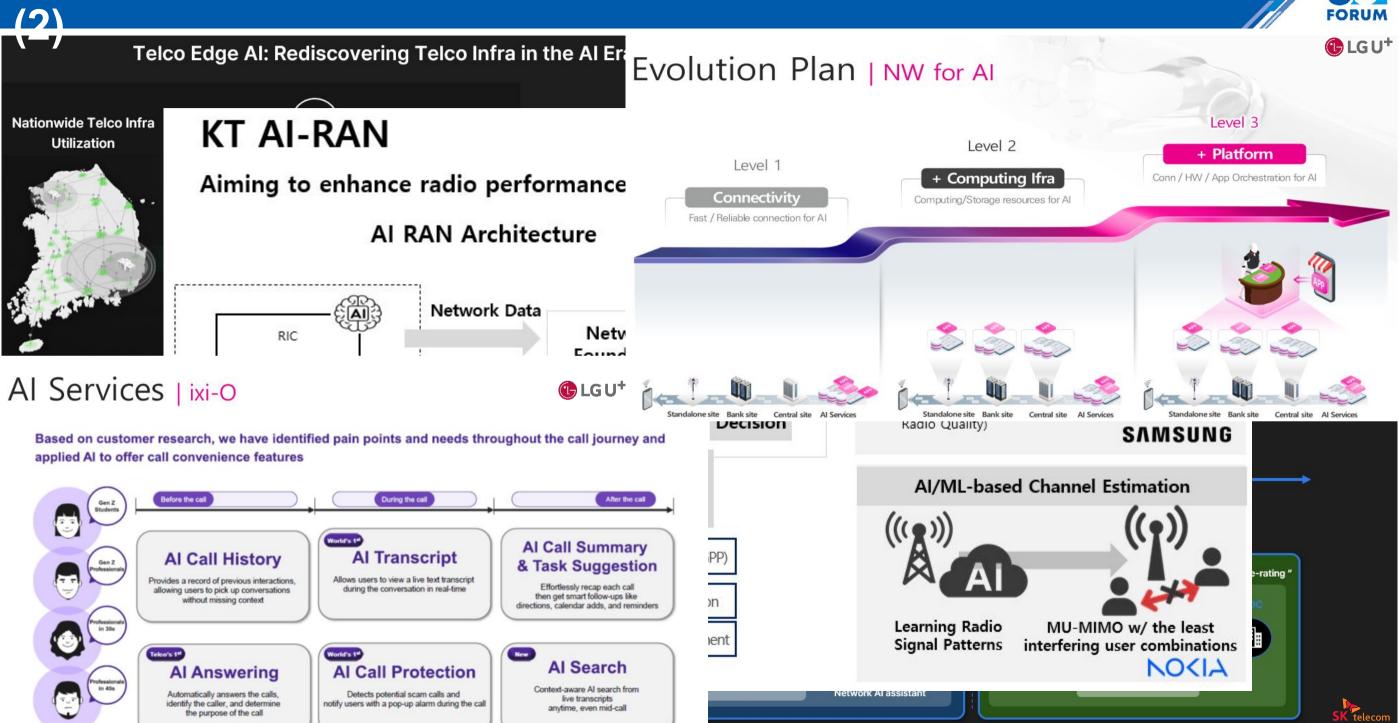
: Auto Energy Saving Operation of BS for Best Schedule of Sleep Period

Ex2] Location Intelligence for Radio Opt. by AI: RT Radio Quality Monitoring for KTX, Sub/Highway for ADRCA

6G Intelligent Network: Al Telco Infra & Service



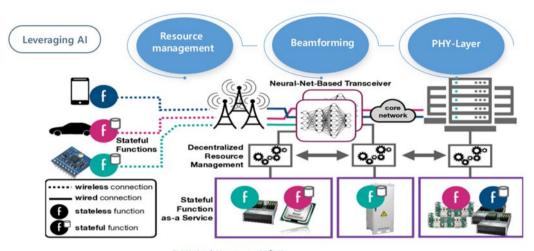
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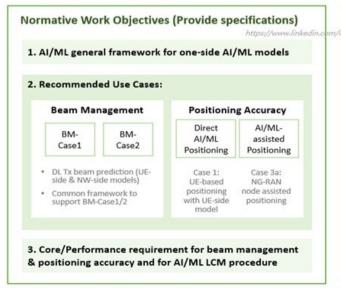


> 5GxAl Evolution in 3GPP

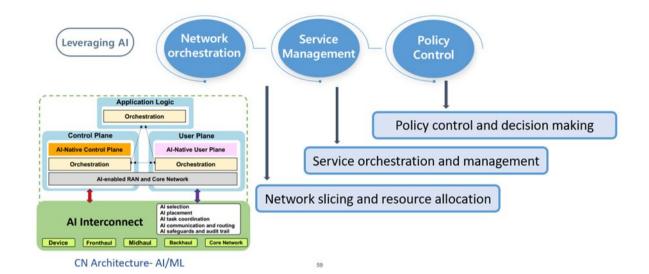


RAN Architecture- AI/ML

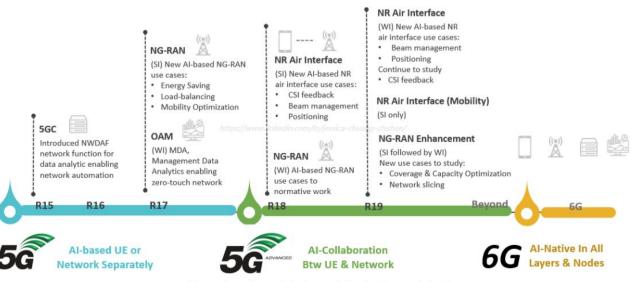
Objectives of AI/ML for NR Air Interface in Rel.19







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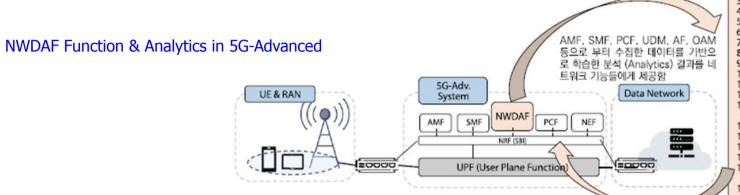


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6G Intelligent Network



NWDAF Evolution across 3GPP Releases



3GPP Rel.

Analytics

- 1. Slice load level
- Observed Service Experience
- NF load
- Network Performance
- **UE** mobility
- **UE Communication** Expected UE behavioural parameters
- Abnormal behavior
- User Data Congestion
- 10. QoS Sustainability
- 11. Dispersion
- 12. WLAN performance
- 13. Session Management Congestion Control Experience
- 14. Redundant Transmission Experience
- 15. DN Performance
- 16. PFD Determination
- 17. Location Accuracy
- 18. End-to-end data volume transfer time Relative Proximity
- 19. URSP enforcement, etc.

MTLF: Model Training Logical Fn.

Key Focus

AnLF: Analytics LF

AI/ML

	1 Monitoring NWDAF monitors 1000's of network slices by calculating KPIs for performance, QoE etc.	rk
4 Issue Resolved Normal slice performance levels are restored and issue is resolved before subscribers are affected	NWDAF for Closed- Loop Automated Assurance 3 Corrective Action Analytics are transmitted to 3 rd party NFs or OAM, which in turn change policy, rebalance traffic, or reassign resources to the network slice	NWDAF detects a degradation in a specific slice, performs root cause analysis and generates a prediction how subscribers will be affected

Built-in AI/ML models provide automated closed-loop operations and

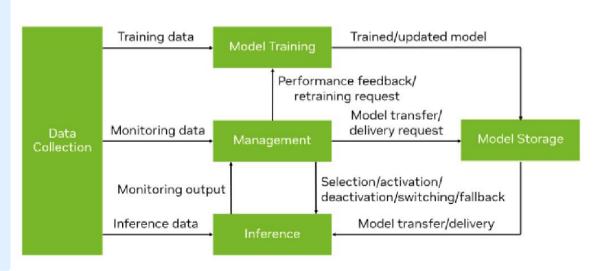
assurance.

NWDAF/MDAF Features Involvement Initial introduction of NWDAF as part of the 5G core Provided basic analytics for 5G **Rel. 15** None network, enabling basic analytics. core network functions. Enhancements to NWDAF to support broader data analytics refining Focused on data and exposure across network functions, refined for product Rel. 16 None compliance, exposure, and compliance. automation through analytics Further maturation with Management Data Analytics Introduced MTLF and AnLF AI/ML for Function (MDAF) introduced, AI/ML techniques integrated components with support for FL 3 **Rel. 17** analytics & for Energy Saving, Load Balancing, and Mobility procedures across network model training Optimization. functions. NWDAF used for AI/ML-based Air Interface Enhancements ML models for Enabled accuracy monitoring via (e.g., CSI Feedback, Beam Management, Positioning AnLF and supported MTLF-based **Rel. 18** air-interface Accuracy). ML model deployment enhancements New XR and Power-saving features introduced. - Advanced AI/ML techniques for Mobility, Localized Advanced Recommended dynamic function Analytics, Distributed MIMO Systems, and AI-powered analytics and setup for automation and 5 Rel. 19 Positioning Accuracy. distributed ML expanded support for TL-based - Support for multi-RAT and NTN (non-terrestrial) intelligence procedures across NWDAF. intelligence. - Full AI-native NW control Deep RL / AI Expected support for real-time intent-driven models, Rel. 20 frameworks - Autonomous orchestration and proactive orchestration, and context-aware decision-making. (expected) expected decision-making

6G Intelligent Network (5)



- > Requirements & Performance Indexes for Al-Native in 6G
 - Requirements of AI-Native for 6G
 - Support OL & RT Application of AI/ML
 - ☐ Comprehensive & Cooperative Support across all E2E & Radio/NW Sections
 - ☐ Support Standardized I/F between various Layers (PHY ~ APP), Domains (UE, gNB, CN, OAM, etc.) & entire NF.
 - ☐ LCM I/F for AI/ML Models, such as RL, FL, SL & TL, also support seamless Combination w. Standard Procedures of 6G system.
 - □ Performance Indexes of AI-Native for 6G
 - Performance
 - Link and system level performances
 - Generalization performance
 - Over the air overhead
 - Overhead of assistant information, data collection, model delivery/ transfer, and other AI/ML related signaling
 - Inference complexity
 - Computational complexity of model inference (e.g. FLOPs) and per/post processing, model complexity (e.g. Mbytes)
 - Training complexity
 - LCM related complexity and storage overhead
 - **Power consumption, Latency** (e.g. inference latency)

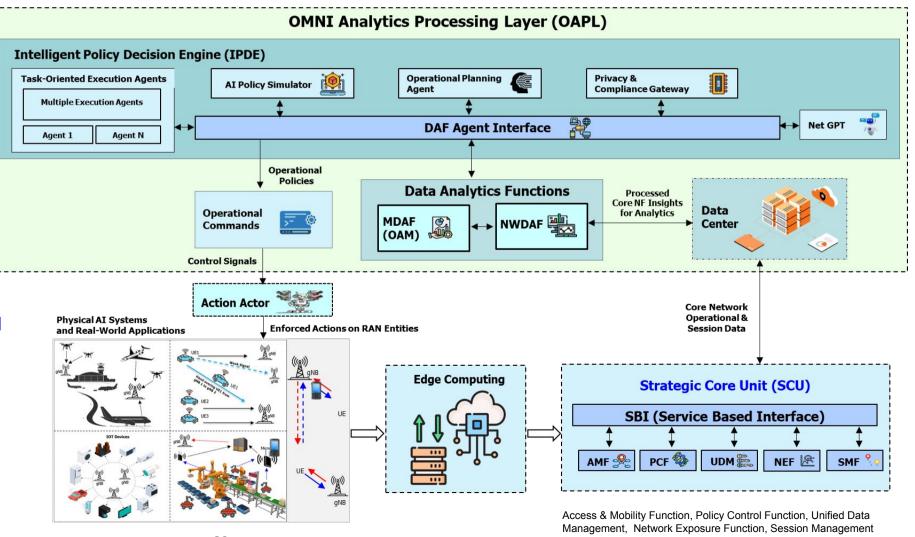


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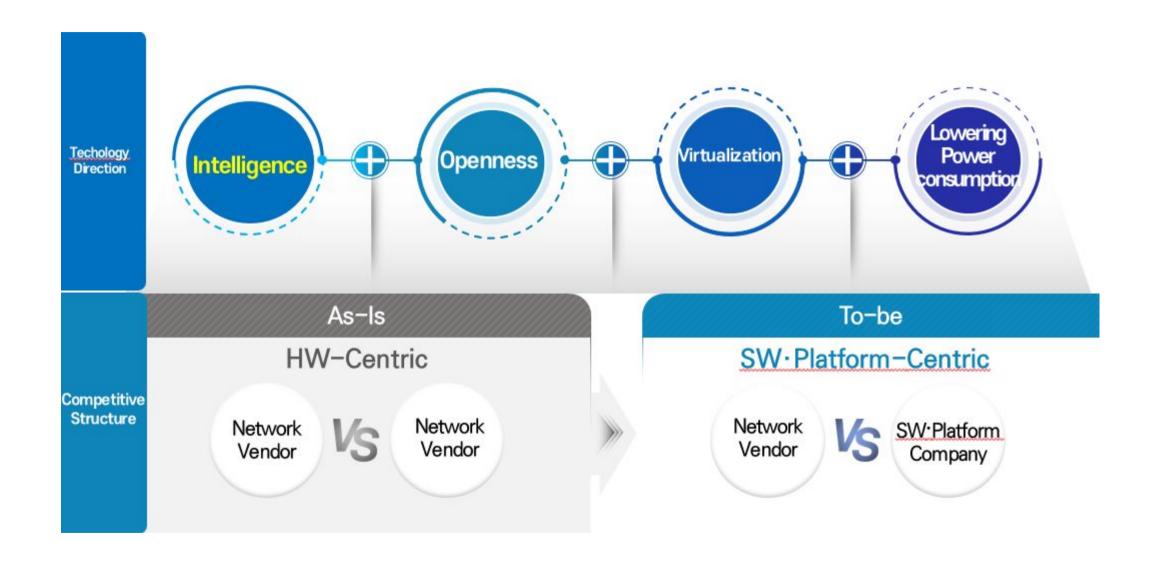
➤ Al Orchestrated Multi-Agent Network Intelligence (Al-OMNI)

- ☐ Agentic-Al Network Architecture Flow
 - 1. Data Transmission between UE (Physical AI) & RAN
 - 2. Edge Computing to process RAN Request / Preprocessing to SCU.
 - 3. SCU w. NF transfers core network operational & session data to Data Center.
 - Data Center sends processed core NF insights for analytics to NWDAF
 - NWDAF combines Core data + OAM KPIs (RAN monitoring data) and produces analytics.
 - 6. Analytics go to the DAF Interface.
 - 7. DAF Interface aggregates analytics, performs policy simulations, and provides refined outputs to Execution Agents.
 - 8. Execution Agents collaborate (mobility, energy, etc.), exchange candidate action resolve conflicts, and generate operation policies.
 - These operational policies are shared via the DAF Agent Interface to the Operational Command.
 - Action Actor enforces these commands on RAN entities.



Policy Directions for Next-G





Mobile Korea 2025



The Leading Global Platform for 5G-6G Collaboration showcasing Korea's Strength & Partnership in Next-Generation Networks

Mobile Korea 2024

Total Attendants

Organization

MDBILE KDREA 2024

6G Global 2024 - 6G, Hyper - Connected World









Mobile Korea 2025

- Main Programs and (6th) - Sharing 6G visions and fostering global cooperation
 - 5G Vertical Summit (12th) Driving 5G adoption and expansion
 - Regional Workshop (9th) Strengthening international cooperation
- Side obile Korea Demo Fest Session Showcasing 6G Tech. **Events** diness
 - SatCom Forum Session 6G Satellite Strategy & Technologies
 - Industry Exhibition Global T&M Vendors and Korean SMEs for products, solutions, and live

demos

- October 27 (Mon) 30 (Thu), 2025 Dates
- Venue 5F Convergence Hall & 6F Vision Hall , ISC Building, LG Science
- 'sangseo-gu, Seoul) Host
- Organize 6 FORUM ETRI Betruis and Telecommunications Communications Communication NIA NATIONAL INFORMATION RAPP Korea Radio Promotion Association SatComForum

























Mobile Korea 2025: Program Overview



Mobile Korea 2025 | **Featured**

* 60+ Speakers: National 6G Heads & Global Vendor CTOs





Colin Willcock Chairman, 6G-IA





Wen Tong CTO. Huawei





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Sangchul Kang Head Of Project & Platform Group, NAVER LABS Corp

Mobile Korea 2025 Day-by-Day Session

Overvæwww. Oct. 27)

Day 2 (Tue., Oct. 28)

6G Global 2025 Towards Al-Agentic Network

Kevnote #1

Opening Ceremony

Industry Contribution Award MoU Signing Ceremony Korea (6G Forum) – EU (6G-IA) Korea (6G Forum) – China (IMT-2030(6G) PG)

6G Global Collaboration among FORA

Aligning strategies across Europe, China, Japan, and India toward 2030.

6G Vendors' Perspective

Leading vendors share visions and R&D strategies.

Keynote #2

Network Operators' Perspective

Business values and technical priorities for 6G deployment.

Key Enablers: Industry, Research Institutes and Academia

Global R&D progress, challenges, and collaborations.

5G Vertical Summit 2025

Day 3 (Wed., Oct. 29)

5G+X: Driving the Future to 6G

Keynote

AI-RAN

Transitioning from 5G-Advanced to Al-native networks.

Hyper Al Network

Edge AI, monetization, and open platform strategies.

Fireside Chat Session

Exclusive 1:1 conversation on foundation Al.

Physical Al

Robotics, mobility, and smart manufacturing applications

6G Global 2025 Special Session

Mobile Korea Demo Fest

Kevnote #3

Mobile Korea Demo Fest Session

Showcasing Korea's 6G Technology Readiness and Demonstrations

9th Regional Workshop Regional Partnerships Driving AI-Empowered

Networks Al-empowered 5G-Advanced

Technology evolution and key industry use cases.

Progress in Global 5G/5G-Advanced

Strategies and advances in 5G/5G-A adoption

Panel Discussion

Day 4 (Thu., Oct. 30)

SatCom Forum Session

Opening Ceremony

6G Satellite Policy & Technology Strategy

Global policy directions and technology initiatives

Toward 6G Satellite Standards

International progress and challenges in 6G standards.

6G Satellite Strategy & Technologies

International progress and challenges in 6G standards.

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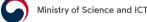


Mobile Korea 2026 will be held together with the Pre-6G Vision Fest, an international exhibition showcasing Korea's 6G R&D achievements.

Mobile Korea 2026

Mobile Korea 2026 Plan

- December 8 (Tue.) 11 (Fri.), 2026 Dates
- Exhibition Hall 1 (1F) & Premier Ballroom (2F), Songdo Convensia Venue (Located at Yeonsu-gu, Incheon)
- Host



Organize











... and more

Program Outline

- Sharing Korea's Interim 6G Achievements with Global Stakeholders, and engaging Major Countries and Key Players in cooperation.
- Presenting an **Evolved Vertical Program** to explore **Monetization Opportunities** for **Next-Generation Networks with Al.**
- Providing In-depth Exchanges and Networking to strengthen International Collaboration.

Pre-6G Vision Fest

- **Pre-6G Exhibition & Demonstrations**
 - Pavilions showcasing Korea's Pre-6G R&D Achievements
 - 33 Demonstrations across 11 Strategic Technologies in 4 Areas of Wireless · Wired · Mobile Core · Systems
 - Highlights:
 - Al-powered RAN & Intelligent Antenna Systems
 - Cloud-native and Al-driven Mobile Core
 - Ultra-high-capacity (100 Gbps+) Optical Transmission
 - Al-native Frameworks for Future 6G Services
- **Future Technology Exhibition**
 - Showcases by Korean Operators, Major Corporations, ETRI, and Global **Vendors**
 - Experience Booths for Future 6G Services and Innovative Tech **Demonstrations** (e.g., Naver's "Brainless Robot")
 - Demos from global vendors, MNOs, and solution providers are welcome.

