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### **TRA Participates at the Broadband World Forum**

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The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority's (TRA) Technical and Operations Director, Mr. Mohammed Mahmood participated in the Broadband World Forum MEA 2011 held in Dubai recently. During his participation at the forum Mr. Mahmood shared TRA's experience and plans for the provisioning of wireless broadband services including LTE in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Mr. Mahmood's presentation at the Forum addressed the telecommunications spectrum planning and allocations policy issued in 2006 and the way it facilitates the provisioning of wireless broadband services to benefit consumers and businesses. Mr. Mahmood also highlighted the processes followed by TRA for granting the National Fixed Wireless Licenses to Zain and Mena Telecom, the third Mobile License to VIVA and the 1800 MHz GSM Guard Band License to Bahrain Broadband. In addition the 2009 Spectrum Consultation was explained and the progress achieved in developing a Telecommunications Spectrum Release Plan outlined, as well as the Kingdom's activities within the governmental committee structure to allocate the necessary spectrum for LTE technology in Bahrain..

The Forum was attended by regulators, operators, manufacturers and independent experts within the telecommunications sector, collectively discussing and debating broadband services and technologies at the highest level. This industry think-tank brainstormed their business cases, strategies and visions for broadband deployment using new technologies. In addition to the Forum there was an exhibition, featuring the latest products and services available in the market.



**Mr. Mahmood (first from left) during his participation at the forum**

### **About TRA**

Since its establishment in 2002 the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the Kingdom of Bahrain (TRA) has been working with government, consumers, operators and investors to develop the Kingdom of Bahrain into the region's most modern communications hub and to facilitate the growth of the market. As an exemplary Regulator for the region, TRA independently carries out its duties in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner. More information about TRA can be viewed at [www.tra.org.bh](http://www.tra.org.bh)