



TRA Bahrain Concludes its Conference on “Achieving Ubiquitous Broadband Networks”

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The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the Kingdom of Bahrain (TRA) has concluded yesterday its two days conference titled “Achieving Ubiquitous Broadband Networks” that was hosted under the patronage of H.E. Sh. Ahmed bin Ateyatalla Al Khalifa, Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Minister Responsible for Telecommunications.

Policy makers, telecoms professionals and consultants from more than 15 countries attended the two days conference under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Ahmed bin Ateyatallah Al Khalifa hosted by TRA in partnership with the ITU and SAMENA Telecommunications Council on behalf of the Arab Regulators Network of Telecommunications and Information Technology (AREGNET).

Dr Hamadoun Toure, Secretary General of the ITU, highlighted in his key note speech the significant benefits that can be derived from broadband access networks at both an economic and social level, though these were tempered with some cautionary words regarding the continued need for increasing levels of ICT literacy and the awareness of online safety and in particular the safety of personal information.

The “Achieving Ubiquitous Broadband Networks” addressed the public policy drivers, economic and financial realities as well as the industry structural issues that are being faced by those countries around the World that are currently deploying Ubiquitous High speed Broadband Networks. The conference focused on 6 country specific case studies presented followed by a structured panel discussion to explore the strengths and weaknesses of the cases presented..

Reflecting on the success of the conference and in particular the extremely high caliber of the recognized world experts presenting at the conference, TRA’s Chairman and Acting General Director Dr Mohammed Al Amer stated that “The conference has provided a significant resource of information that will assist the Kingdom of Bahrain and TRA to formulate more informed decisions that will ultimately lead to the achievement of ubiquitously available high speed broadband networks affordable to all and significantly contribute to the achievement of the aspirations of the Economic Vision 2030”.

About TRA

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