



News Release

TRA Publishes Fixed Links Policy

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On 29 May, the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) hosted the second meeting of the Radiocommunications Consultative Committee (RCC) at its headquarters in Seef. Chaired by Mr. Mohamed Mahmood, Director Technical and Operations, this advisory and consultative body is designed to facilitate the flow of information from TRA to the telecommunications sector, as well as providing TRA with views from the sector.

RCC meetings are themed to help participating organisations field appropriate experts who are able to deal with the subjects to be addressed. The second meeting was convened to conclude a licensing and frequency assignment policy for microwave point-to-point links, which was finalised and will be implemented from 1 July 2011. The text of the Fixed Links Policy is available on TRA web-site at www.tra.org.bh.

The third RCC meeting will take place on 5 October, at which the theme to be addressed will be spectrum for, and licensing of post third generation public mobile telecommunications in the Kingdom, for example LTE, LTE Advanced and WiMAX IEE 802.16m. In preparing for the meeting Members should be aware that TRA operates a technology neutral approach to licensing; therefore all frequencies currently licensed for public mobile telecommunications may be used for subsequent technology generations, subject to the prevailing licensing conditions. Public mobile telecommunications in-building coverage issues will be addressed at a later meeting.

Persons interested in obtaining further information on the RCC or attending future meetings should email rcc@tra.org.bh.

About TRA

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