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## **TRA Participates at Middle East Spectrum Conference**

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The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority's (TRA) Spectrum Advisor, Mr David Court participated in the Middle East Spectrum Conference held in Dubai last week. During the conference David explained GCC countries' and TRA Bahrain's plans for the introduction of post third generation, advanced mobile systems in the Region, including the progress towards introducing LTE in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

David's presentation also addressed the Kingdom's telecommunications spectrum planning and allocations policy issued in 2006. These and other regulatory initiatives such as the 2009 Spectrum Consultation were explained and would in David's opinion result in a Telecommunications Spectrum Release Plan. Through technology and service neutral licensing processes, the provisioning of wireless broadband and advanced mobile services would be facilitated, to the benefit of both consumers and businesses.

The Conference was attended by the Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union, regional regulators and regulators from outside the GCC countries, as well as operators and manufacturers from within the telecommunications sector.

### **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)