



*News Release*

## **TRA Announces New Consultation Initiative with the Users of Radio Frequencies**

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The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) announced today a new consultation initiative with the formation of the Kingdom's Radiocommunications Consultative Committee (RCC). The RCC, chaired by Mr. Mohamed Tayeb Mahmood - Director of TRA's Technical and Operations Directorate, will be principally focused towards the users of equipment and radio frequency spectrum which are subject to the Telecommunications Law, however the committee will also monitor international activities and discuss other issues of importance to the sector.

In establishing the RCC it is one of the TRA's objectives to facilitate the effectiveness of the management of the radio frequency spectrum used for telecommunications services in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The use of radio frequencies in the provision of both satellite and terrestrial mobile and fixed services is essential to the development of networks; the promotion of innovation; and the enhancement of competition within the sector. As such it is essential that the widest range of technologies and services are permitted to access the radio spectrum.

Wide ranging terms of reference for the RCC have been established designed to permit and facilitate discussions of most issues of concern to telecommunications licensees. Meetings of the RCC will focus on specific issues and will have focused agendas. The inaugural meeting will address issues relating to microwave fixed link licensees specifically addressing frequency congestion and future policy. TRA will shortly be issuing invitations to fixed link licensees and service providers as well as equipment suppliers and installers to attend this meeting on Sunday, 27 March 2011, which will be held at TRA's Seef headquarters.

To further increase the transparency with which TRA makes its decisions and to ensure a more inclusive approach to policy making TRA hopes that the RCC will become an essential part of the regulatory framework within the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Members of the telecommunications sector are invited to contact TRA to register their interest in participating in the RCC, [rcc@tra.org.bh](mailto:rcc@tra.org.bh); they should also state their views on issues which they believe should be discussed at future meetings.

**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)