



News Release

TRA Represents the Telecommunications Sector in Two Conferences for MENA Region on WiMAX, National Security and Infrastructure Protection

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The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) recently participated in two MENA conferences, the first one was on WiMAX held in Dubai on 23 to 24 June 2009 and attended by TRA's Technical and Operations Director Mr. Mohammed Mahmood, while the other was on national security and the protection of telecommunications infrastructure held in Abu Dhabi on 22 to 23 June and attended by TRA's ICT Operations Manager Mr. Ahmed Aldoseri.

Mr. Mahmood spoke about the success of the Kingdom of Bahrain in providing WiMAX services through the provision of the necessary radio frequencies by a way of clear national frequency management plan, transparent and competitive licensing process and technology neutral licensing regime.

Mr. Mahmood said: "The participants at the conference praised the strategy adopted by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the Kingdom of Bahrain to provide WiMAX services and the transparency policy adopted by TRA that provides clear direction to operators and investors about the telecommunications market in Bahrain".

Mr. Aldoseri participated in the committee of information security and telecommunications infrastructure protection experts, where he addressed the need to adopt international best practice in the protection of infrastructures from interruptions that may be of natural causes or invented reasons. The conversation included the disasters report of Bahrain for facing and the Bahraini disaster records, which included many of the risks to infrastructures, including the telecommunications sector.

It is worth noting that TRA is in the process of developing a comprehensive plan to address the risks associated with telecommunications networks, including the possibility of losing a large number of people to basic telecommunication services as a result of disconnecting a large geographic area like Manama or disconnect tens of thousands of users to the basic telecommunications services.

Mr. Aldoseri said: "Telecommunications and information security and ensuring the availability of services to users in Bahrain is one of TRA's priorities and TRA continues to work to achieve its role in dealing with disasters of all kinds, this can only be achieved through the cooperation among all concerned sectors in the Kingdom."

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 as the regions most modern communications hub and facilitating the growth of the market. As an exemplar 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

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