



Press Release

Bahrain Participates in Shaping the Future Use of Radiocommunications

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The Ministry of Transport's Under Secretary responsible for telecommunications matters, Sh. Mohammed Al Khalifa, Mr. Alan Horne the General Director of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), Mr Mohammed Tayeb Abdulrahman TRA Licensing Manager, and Mr Hesham Khalifa Al-Binkhalil, the Director of Wireless Licensing, Frequency and Monitoring, attended the plenary session of the World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC-07). WRC -07 is organized by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and is held in Geneva every four years. The Bahrain group had a private meeting with Dr. Hamadoun I Toure, the Secretary General of the ITU. The private discussions covered a number of subjects including ITU's support to Bahrain in terms of training, and approaches to ensuring the security of consumer information when using radiocommunications networks.

Commenting on Bahrain's participation in this conference the Director General of TRA, Alan Horne, said: "It is important that Bahrain participate in the international debate concerning technical standards and to ensure decisions are taken which are appropriate for the Kingdom. The aim is to enable consumers to benefit from advanced products and services produced for the international market. Through such an approach consumers should benefit from lower prices arising from the use of mass produced equipment, manufactured to recognized international standards. TRA is pleased to work closely with the Ministry of Transportation staff on these important issues".

Representatives of telecommunications authorities, radio and TV broadcasters and all other radio users from across the globe, attend the World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC) held at the headquarters of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in Geneva, Switzerland. The purpose of the conference is to debate the future use of the radiocommunications spectrum. The radiocommunications spectrum is used for a wide range of services including mobile phones, radio and TV broadcasting, WiFi, WiMax, satellite communications, scientific research, maritime and aeronautical safety communications, and public safety services.

Over the next four weeks staff drawn from the TRA and the Ministry of Transportation will participate in one or more of the seven committees established during the plenary session, to address the wide range of demands on the radiocommunications spectrum.

About TRA

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) was established by Legislative Decree No. 48 of 2002 promulgating the Telecommunications Law. TRA is an independent body and its duties and powers include, among other things, protecting the interests of subscribers and users and promoting effective and fair competition among existing and new licensed operators. More information regarding TRA can be viewed at www.tra.org.bh