

Tariq Al Awadhi

Tariq Al Awadhi of United Arab Emirates is the Executive Director Spectrum Affairs Department of the Telecom Regulatory Authority (TRA) United Arab Emirates. Mr. Al Awadhi has 24 years of experience in spectrum management. He selected Chairman of ITU World Radio Conference (WRC) 2012. He headed a number of ITU Groups and meetings and contributed towards ITU resolutions, recommendations and studies. He represented the UAE in ITU, IMO, ICAO, Arab Spectrum Management Group, GCC Telecom Bureau and a number of other international and regional forums. He is currently chairman of Arab Spectrum Management Group (ASMG)

Achievements:

Tariq Al Awadhi played a pivotal role in establishing Spectrum Affairs Department in the TRA. He pioneered the modern spectrum management concepts in the region and equipped the UAE with one of the most advanced and first of its kind fully automated online spectrum management and frequency planning system. The UAE Radio Frequency users can apply online anywhere in the UAE by visiting the TRA Website and send their request. He introduced a number of ideas to improve the procedural workflow in assignment of spectrum to the users. Spectrum Affairs Department of the TRA, under this leadership in 2010 obtained ISO 9001: 2008 Certification for Quality Management System.

He headed the execution of the UAE Digital TV switchover plan and successful vacation of 700 & 800 MHz band from analog TV by 2013 and make this band available for Mobile Broadband services in the UAE. In his supervision, a national plan was prepared and appropriate frequencies were assigned to the three terrestrial TV broadcasting operators in the UAE. He also led a project to develop receiver specifications for digital TV in the UAE. He is also heading an initiative for regional coordination for FM sound broadcasting channels under ITU Geneva-84 Agreement.