



## **UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AND RURAL AFFAIRS (MOMRA), DAR AL RIYADH AND NISPANA JOINTLY ANNOUNCE THE FIRST SAUDI SMART CITIES CONFERENCE 2017**

With the economic diversification plans in place, key government authorities across kingdom are emphasizing on providing the best quality of life for their citizens, which means seamless transportation, state-of-the-art healthcare facilities, round the clock security, affordable housing and most importantly creating citizen centric cities. Having realized that, the citizen centric cities can only be created through better urban planning and connected infrastructures using a combination of friendly policies, state-of-the-art technologies and good governance.

Acting on the Kingdom's **Vision 2030**, the Kingdom will be investing over US\$ 500 billion into modernizing its infrastructure across the 285 municipalities to provide the best quality of life for their citizens on par with global standards and the major contributor towards these milestones would be the Smart Technologies.

With the responsibility of developing urban infrastructure and creating citizen centric cities, **the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs (MOMRA)**, which is the governing body of all the municipalities across the Kingdom is **hosting the First Saudi Smart Cities 2017 conference from 16-18 May at the Intercontinental Hotel in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.**

The Conference will be convened under the gracious patronage of the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs. It is, with the accompanying Exhibition, the first of its kind in the Kingdom which will feature over 1000+ attendees from across the Kingdom and abroad who are and will be involved in the Smart Cities project, and also feature presentation on best practices in Smart Cities from over 20+ countries. Since technology is the major enabler for the success any smart city, leading solution providers both

local and international will be showcasing their strengths and capabilities to help the Kingdom reach their ultimate goals.

It is worth mentioning the Conference is jointly organized by Dar Al Riyadh – a company head quartered in Saudi Arabia with capabilities in Development of Smart Cities Profiles, Urban Planning, Infrastructure Design, GIS Services, Transportation Planning, and Smart Applications, and Nispana Innovative Platforms – a company head quartered in India, with offices in Dubai and USA, is a leading Business Intelligence firm hosting market driven and educational conferences and trainings.

**Prof. Abdullah Al Garni**, General Manager, Dar Geomatics - Dar Al Riyadh quoted: *“Our company has been working over the past four decades on developing advanced technologies and smart applications for the benefit of the national development; and given the privilege by the Ministry of Municipal & Rural Affairs to work on the Smart Cities initiative across the Kingdom, our company will be supporting this Conference for fulfilling the expectations of policy makers in the Kingdom, and facilitating knowledge sharing and meetings among key stakeholders who are and will be involved in the upcoming Smart Cities projects”.*

**Mr. Narendra Kumar**, Managing Director, Nispana added that *“Nispana has been working with various government authorities over the past 18 months to contribute to the diversification effort of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in line with the VISION 2030. With the support of Minister of Municipal Affairs, we are very humbled to be one of the chosen company to be working on this initiative. I definitely look forward to a great event and we at Nispana look forward to extending our offerings and services to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia”.*

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