Bahrain Steps Toward Innovation

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Innovation is the application of new ideas to produce better outcomes.

### At national level, Innovation is essential for

- Enhanced economic performance
- Enhanced Social Welfare
- Ensure Environmental Sustainability

### At organizational level, Innovation is essential for

- Organizational efficiency
- Improved Services
- Reduced Costs
Innovation is motivated and driven by a variety of short, medium and long term factors.

- **NEW & CHANGING GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS**
- **NEED FOR CoORDINATED APPROACHES**
- **DEMAND FOR EFFICIENCIES**
- **SHORTER TIME FRAME & CALLS FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY**
Govt. of Bahrain is also undertaking various innovations in the Public Sector.
Elements of Innovation in Public Sector of Bahrain

**Infrastructure Readiness**
- Mature infrastructure to foster the innovation

**Laws and Legislations**
- Laws & legislations that supports Innovations

**Nurture skills & knowledge**
- Facilitate knowledge sharing and innovation skills

**Initiatives that supports Innovation**
- Government initiatives that nurture innovation
Infrastructure Readiness

High Mature infrastructure to foster the innovation

Nurture Innovation
Financing innovative ideas through partnership with private and government entities

Advance Business Process Outsource
Excellence in Business Process Outsource within the region

International Excellence in ICT infrastructure
• Ranked First in the Arabic Region & 11 internationally based on (TII)
• Ranked First in the Arab region and 27 internationally based on the “IDI”
Laws and Legislations

Laws & legislations that supports Innovations

Virtual Addresses
Offices with virtual Addresses to facilitate commercial transactions

Working from home
• Adopt the idea of flexible working hours and working from home

Shelf-Companies
Establishment of company and then selling them to avoid going through the process of establishing a new company

Bankruptcy Law
Modification and enhancements of Bankruptcy Law

Virtual Commercial Registration
• Started one year ago
• It allows 24 commercial activities to be conducted without the need to have physical office
Nurture and incubate entrepreneurs by providing a funding of BHD 20,000 for each initiative to help in transforming it into a business.

Arrange comprehensive training session to support the innovation in eContent Management.
Government initiatives that nurture innovation

- **eGovernment Excellence Award**
  - Encourage innovation and competition in the Government services by involving citizens and NGO

- **National Complaints & Suggestion System**
  - Engage the citizens in the process of suggesting and enhancing the government services and processes

- **Change Management and BPR**
  - Establishment new directorate for the change management and Business Process Reengineering

- **Microsoft Imagine Cup Award**
  - Lunched since 2003 till now
  - Bahrain was qualified for the final and obtain advance ranking
Initiatives that support innovation

Other Government initiatives that nurture innovation

Bahrain Open Data Initiative
Exposé public, non-sensitive data to allow businesses and the general public to develop web and smart phone applications, increasing innovation and eParticipation.

National Portal & Mobile Apps
More than 300+ online services and 20 plus mobile apps.
Initiatives that support innovation

National Strategy for Smart Devices

Utilizing Smart Device functions (Maps, GPS, Notifications)

Simplicity and Accessibility

Providing integrated App that contains multiple services across different entities
“Advancing Bahrain to New Heights”

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