

## Winners of the Future Cities, Global Migration Summit and ID People EMEA Awards 2014 announced

**High-profile Government and private sector representatives recognized at prestigious ceremony in Abu Dhabi to celebrate outstanding performers in technology driven innovation and pioneers in sustainable development**

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The winners of this year's Future Cities, Global Migration and ID People EMEA Awards were revealed on February 25th during Wise Media's seventh annual summit on sustainable development held in Abu Dhabi. At the ceremony, hosted by Sophie B. de la Giroday, President of Wise Media and Host of the Sustainability Summit, awards were presented as the community's recognition of the important contributions made by the thought leaders, policy makers, innovators and pioneering integrators that drive modernization and the development of today's digital infrastructures. The awards are assigned to outstanding members of the Sustainable Development community who have distinguished themselves driving innovative projects in the areas of citizen ID, transportation security and asset tracking, as well as for their leadership in key developments in the topic areas discussed by the specific Sustainability Summit working groups - Future Cities and Global Migration.

Five Awards were presented following nomination and voting by the members of the Sustainability Summit Awards Committee, who have supported the initiative with enthusiasm in the run up to the event. The categories and winners are:

**Citizen ID Forum Award:** Assigned to the person who has distinguished himself in the area of government driven ID schemes and new approaches to citizen-centric services. **Winner:** H.E. Major General Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al Raisi, Central Operations General Director, Abu Dhabi Police, for his role in deploying many Identity Initiatives within the United Arab Emirates, based on state of the art innovative electronic security documents and biometrics. This has enabled a more secure and safe society, enhancing the UAE's unparalleled public services.

**Transportation Security Forum Award:** Assigned to a recognized leader in the transportation sector, who has brought security and efficiency to hubs and networks to improve performance in airports, railroad stations or seaports. **Winner:** Mohammed Hariri, Chairman of the Airline Operating Committee, Kuwait International Airport, for implementing a program to install self-service check-in kiosks at Kuwait International Airport to benefit its seven million annual passengers through SITA's AirportConnect passenger processing platform and support passenger management in light of the airport's predicted annual growth rate of 5%.

**Asset Tracking Forum Award:** Assigned to the person who has established new growth areas for the adoption of auto ID technology in supply chain management, logistics and critical asset control. **Winner:** Her Royal Highness Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, Chairperson - International Humanitarian City, for the implementation of programs on a national and international scale, interpreting global development goals and in particular the advanced logistics operations of the IHC which has supported relief efforts all over the globe.

**Future Cities Award:** A special tribute presented by the Sustainability Summit's Future Cities Working Group in recognition of the important contribution made by the those who put their thought leadership into action for developing today's cities and transforming them into smart metropolitan areas with transport hubs and networks, public places as well as business districts and residential areas all benefiting.

**Winner:** H.E. Karim Sinjari, Minister of the Interior, Kurdistan Regional Government for his vision surrounding what has resulted in rapid urban development, growth and security in Kurdistan's capital, Erbil, in terms of its new status as Arabic capital of tourism for 2014 and as the urban core of a region ready to compete in the global economy.

**Global Migration Summit Award:** Assigned to a person who strives to define and implement a comprehensive strategy and architecture for migration control, protection of human rights and the global fight against crime - both within and without a country's borders - in order to positively influence economy, security and social stability. **Winner:** Charis Negrao Tonhozi, Ombudsman - Paranà Police, Brazil for implementing a new data processing system which has increased efficiency in the management of citizens' needs, building effective communication between society, the police and other public administrations in the State of Parana in Brazil.



*Winners and presenters at the Sustainability Summit ceremony in Abu Dhabi on February 25*

#### About Future Cities, Global Migration and ID People EMEA Awards

The ID People Awards are the prestigious recognition of the important contribution made by the thought leaders, innovators and pioneering decision makers that drive the digitalization of identities and the development of systems for smart, mobile and secure transactions.

The Sustainable Development Awards (among which the Future Cities and Global Migration Summit Award) are assigned to outstanding members of the global Sustainable Development Community who have distinguished themselves during the last 12 months for developing policies, leading initiatives and driving programs for sustainable development in the public and private sectors.

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