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## Executive Director of TAG-Domains Selected to Task Force on Capacity Building Activities



AMMAN – The Middle East Strategy Working Group (MESWG), which is an ad-hoc group supported by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

(ICANN), has recently selected Mr. Mahmoud Lattouf, executive director of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Domains (TAG-Domains) to its Task Force on Capacity Building Activities (TF-CBA).

Mr. Lattouf said: “I am honored to be part of the Task Force on Capacity Building Activities, this shows that our contribution and effort are heading in the right direction and based on the work of the global Internet community.”

The Task Force falls under the umbrella of the MESWG and is envisioned to understand the capacity needs of the Middle East region, and to coordinate the execution of programs and activities as recommended in the Middle East Strategy (MES), as well as develop a strategy to tailor the needs of the Internet ecosystem in the region; mainly the domain name industry and Internet Governance.

Capacity building programs and activities targeted by the

MESWG include the following broad topics:

- DNS Registry and Registrar Operations;
- Domain Name Marketing and Business Development;
- DNS Protocols and Technologies, including DNSSEC, IPv6, IDNs... etc.;
- DNS Security Planning, Management, and Enforcement; and
- Internet Governance.

#### About TAG-Domains

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Domains (TAG-Domains) is an ICANN Accredited Registrar which

provides a wide range of domain name registration services, as well as the right strategy for the protection of brand names.

[www.tag-domains.com](http://www.tag-domains.com)

#### About MESWG

The Middle East Strategy Working Group (MESWG) is an ad-hoc group of Internet experts from the Middle East region. The working group consists of 21 experts from 11 countries of the region. ICANN has coordinated the formation of the working group, and provides all the necessary support to drive its mandate forward.

#### About ICANN

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) was formed in 1998. It is a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with participants from all over the world dedicated to keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It promotes competition and develops policy on the Internet's unique identifiers.

Through its coordination role of the Internet's naming system, ICANN does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet.

[www.icann.org](http://www.icann.org)

## Abu-Ghazaleh Launches ICANN Accredited Disputes Resolution Center



AMMAN - HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, president of the Arab Intellectual Property Mediation and Arbitration Society (AIPMAS) launched the Arab Center for Dispute Resolution (ACDR) accredited by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

as a dispute resolution service provider for the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) in the Arab region.

The establishment of this Center represents a significant step towards more Internet protection

and security for the entire Arab region and the world at large. It will maintain a variety of alternate dispute resolution mechanisms to allow affordable alternatives to litigation in order to resolve all types of disputes.

As the fifth globally accredited center in the world, the ACDR will have particular significance by focusing on domain name-related disputes which could be settled by proficient arbitrators in many languages.

The ACDR is jointly established by AIPMAS and the Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP), both under the chairmanship of HE Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh, with offices in all Arab countries.

The ACDR has a diverse scope of activities including research, program development, outreach at all levels, as well as fostering an international staff knowledgeable and

proficient in all aspects of Intellectual Property, with a particular specialty in domain name dispute resolution. To this end, the Center will utilize most novel approaches such as electronic interface, diverse knowledge of the legal system as well as deep knowledge of standing cultural and regional approaches to resolve legal disputes.

On the other hand, the Center will develop solid partnerships at all levels in an endeavor to support Intellectual Property markets.

It is worth noting also that TAG-Domains was officially recognized as an ICANN accredited registrar for generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs) back in 2002.

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## AGIP Provides New Patent Service



CAIRO – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) announces a new service related to reviewing and

amendment of specification or claims prior to filing a patent application.

In order to accelerate the examination procedures at the national patent office, AGIP's staff conducts a review on the proposed application and makes suggestions for amendments from formalities point.

This service enables patent applicants to enhance the chances of having the

application accepted by the patent office, and will give them complete information whether the invention is drafted pursuant to the national patent law.

The charges for reviewing and amending specification or claims are very competitive!

For more information, please follow the link below: <http://www.agip.com/offices.aspx?lang=en>

## Saudi Arabia Increases Official Fees for E-Publication of Trademarks



RIYADH - An increase of the official e-publication fees for all new trademark applications was announced in Saudi Arabia on January 14, 2014.

The e-publication fees for new trademarks are SR 1500 (USD 400) for local companies and SR 3000 (USD 800) for foreign companies. This compares to the previous fee of US 270 for foreign companies.

and Industry against this increase and the difference between the fees for local and foreign companies.

In response to the complains, the Saudi Trademarks Office has sent a reply to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry confirming that the new publication fees are SR 1,500 for all applicants till February 15, 2014 (extended till February 28th).

An objection has been raised by the local attorneys before the Saudi Ministry of Commerce

However, some law offices filed an appeal before the Court and the case is still pending.

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## Significant Changes in the Singapore Patent Law



SINGAPORE - The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore announced that the legislative changes on the current Singapore patent law will come into force on February 14, 2014. The revised new law will apply to any national phase applications initiated on or after February 14, 2014 even if the filing date of the PCT application is before that day.

The most relevant changes are outlined as follows:

- Positive Grant System
- Request for Substantive Examination
- Request for Supplementary Examination
- Notice of Intention to Refuse
- Request to Review Examination Report
- Related National Phase Application
- Notice of Eligibility to Proceed to Grant
- Grant Fee Payment
- Voluntary Amendment
- Post Grant Search and Examination

It is worth mentioning that these changes are in line with Singapore's intention to move to a high quality and robust patent system. The effect of this is that some of the requirements patent applicants and their representatives must fulfill are of a higher standard.

# Deadline for Re-Registration of Old Law Cases in Ethiopia



ADDISABABA- The Ethiopian Intellectual Property Office (EIPO) announced that new Regulations were published in Ethiopia, bringing into force the Trademark Registration and Protection Proclamation 2006, dated July 7, 2006.

The Regulations have required owners of trademark filed under

the old law, namely before 7 July 2006, to re-register their existing registrations. This applies to all cases filed prior to 7 July 2006, irrespective of whether they have been renewed since. The Ethiopian Intellectual Property Office (EIPO) confirmed that the deadline for re-registering cases registered under the old law will be June 18, 2014. The EIPO will not be accepting applications for re-registration after that date.

Accordingly, the trademark registrations in Ethiopia will be extended from 6 to 7 years,

and provision is made in the Regulations for the amendment of the term of registrations filed between July 7, 2006 and December 24, 2012. Moreover, the EIPO announced that it is now accepting applications for amendment of such registrations, but the deadline for amending such cases will also expire on June 18, 2014.

The EIPO has clarified the status of registrations which became due for renewal between December 24, 2012 and June 18, 2014.

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## AGIP Participates in FICPI EXCO Meeting

KYOTO – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) represented by its Deputy Chair Ms. Samar Al-Labbad will be participating in the ExCo Meeting of the Fédération Internationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (FICPI) 2014 to be held April 6 - 10 in Kyoto, Japan.

FICPI members will be involved in providing

professional counsel and input to governments, agencies and international organizations in the field of intellectual property.

FICPI is an organization working for the interests of patent and trademark professionals worldwide. It is the only association whose membership consists solely of Intellectual Property professionals in private practice.

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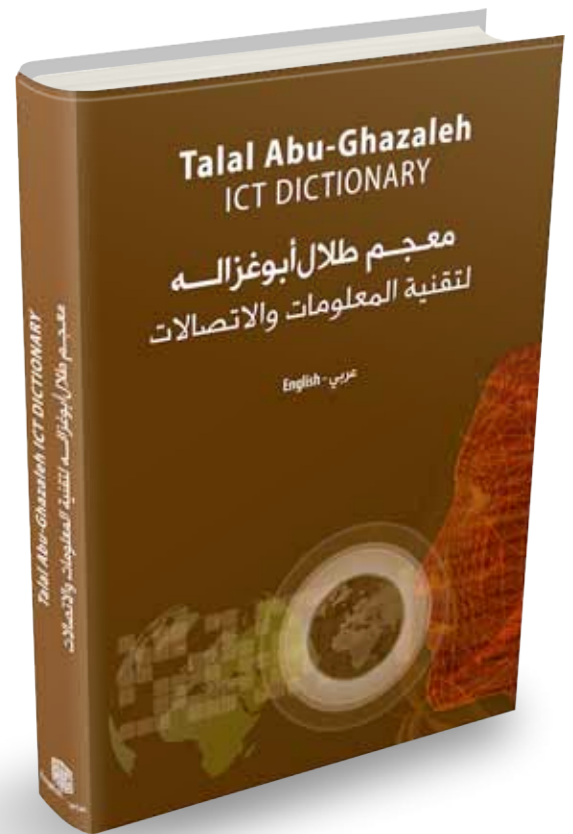
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# Second Updated Version of TAG-ICT Dictionary Issued



Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) has issued the second updated version of TAG-ICT Dictionary after updating its input and inserting a new set of terms used in daily life due to the fact that past months witnessed the launch of a large number of concepts, terms, technologies, application and protocols of communication.

HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, TAG-Org chairman, said in the dictionary introduction that ICT plays a significant role in our life and helps our society change into a Knowledge one.

He added that the contribution value of individuals or groups is measured based on the contributions produced by thought and innovation.

For example, it has been easy and necessary to teach the new generation throughout all stages using electronic means, and business, banking and government administration.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh reiterated his intention to continue updating and developing the dictionaries issued by TAG-Org which are, in addition to TAG-ICT Dictionary: Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property Dictionary, TAG Dictionary of Legal Terms, TAG Accountancy and Business Dictionary, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Dictionary of Patents and Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Collocations Dictionary.

He also explained that these publications aim at enriching the Arabic language references and contribute to knowledge dissemination amongst students and all business sectors through specialized scientific and professional publications.

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