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## **Abu-Ghazaleh Applauds Decision to Transfer Key Internet Stewardship to Global Community**



(NTIA) announced March 14th, 2014 its intent to transition key Internet domain name functions to the global multistakeholder community. As the first step, NTIA is asking the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) to convene global stakeholders to develop a proposal to transition the current role played by NTIA in the coordination of the Internet's domain name system (DNS).

domain name functions to the global multistakeholder community. As an ICANN accredited registrar and through our different involvements in the multistakeholder model, we strongly believe that this move will have a positive impact on the Internet," HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) said in a statement.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh who chaired the UN Forum on Internet Governance and laid the foundation for the establishment of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Berlin November

AMMAN- The US Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration

"We welcome this move and applaud the decision to transition management responsibility for key Internet

2004 added: “ICANN through its bottom-up approach is capable of developing a transition plan that supports and enhances the multi-stakeholder model, preserves the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet domain name system.”

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh also confirmed TAG-Org’s support and participation in the consultation process, which will lead to developing a transition plan, “As the Chairman of Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP), a global intellectual property rights protection leader, I am a very interested stakeholder in this process”, he said.

“I continued to fully support IGF

all the way since its inception as UN ICT TF, and subsequently as GAID chair, and always as TAG-Org chair. TAG-Org proudly served on the UN SG WGIG since its establishment. Today, once again I wish to applaud IGF success under its able leadership,” he said.

It is worth noting that Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh chaired the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force (UNICTTF) (2004 – 2006), the Advisory Committee on Internet Governance (2003 – 2004), Global Alliance for ICT and Development of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and Commission on E-Business, Information Technologies

and Telecoms, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) (2001 – 2008).

In several occasions, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh called for transfer of key Internet Stewardship to the Global Community. In 2008, in his keynote speech during the ICANN Regional Outreach Meeting in Dubai, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh stressed “The USA has served humanity with the introduction and continuous support of the Internet, and we thank the USA for this achievement”, he concluded by stressing “It is time now to have the Internet managed and administered by an independent body ensuring the security and stability of the overall functions of the Internet.”

## AGIP Earns MIP’s ‘Middle East IP Firm of the Year’ for the 7<sup>th</sup> Year



LONDON - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) received the Middle East IP

Firm of the Year Award for 2014 at the Managing Intellectual Property (MIP) ceremony held at Dorchester, London on March 19, 2014.

According to MIP, the awards recognize the achievements in IP work over the past year, whether in prosecution, litigation, licensing or other works. They mark the culmination of MIP’s five month-long annual world survey of the world’s leading IP firms.

AGIP International Development and Marketing Executive Director, Ms. Dima

Naber, received the award on behalf of AGIP saying: “AGIP has reached greater levels of success under the supervision of HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org). We are proud to see that AGIP is part of this prestigious award for the seventh year. We thank MIP for their work and effort.”

MIP’s survey is the largest and most in-depth ever; it covered both prosecution and contentious work in 65 jurisdictions including the

Americas, Asia and Europe. Managing Intellectual Property (MIP) was founded in 1990. It

is now firmly established as the leading international magazine for IP owners, with more than 8,000 readers across the globe.

MIP is published 10 times a year and includes news, data, in-depth articles and interviews with influential IP figures.

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## AGIP Executive Director Elected First Vice-chair of the Arab IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group 2014



CAIRO - Executive Director of Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) Mr. Charles Sha'ban has been elected to be the first Vice-chair of the Arab Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group (AMAG) for 2014.

According to the Arab Internet Governance Secretariat, the AMAG leadership for 2014 came to give the opportunity to new people who will contribute to the creation of new vision for Internet Governance, and work on new methods and employ them to develop Internet use and make it a tool in the service on Arab interest.

“I am honored of my colleagues trust in the Arab IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group to be the new first Vice-chair,” said Mr. Sha'ban. “I am confident that my election to the AMAG is a good step towards an increased level of work hand in hand with the Chairman Dr.

Hoballah of TRA Lebanon, vice-chair Mr. Bashir of ICTQatar and the former and new members to fulfill the Group's mission,” Sha'ban pointed out.

A member of the Global MAG from 2006 till 2012 and of the AMAG from its beginning, Mr. Sha'ban was elected according to the UN ESCWA, League of Arab States and Secretariat's criteria mainly for having appropriate experience in the field of Internet Governance and related public policy, good knowledge of the outputs of the World Summit on the Information Society Geneva 2003 and Tunis 2005, and knowledge of the global IGF process mechanisms.

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## AGIP & CentralNic Signed a Memorandum of Understanding



AMMAN - A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on March 3, 2014 between CentralNic Ltd and Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP).

The Memorandum aimed at enhancing cooperation in business opportunities related to providing assistance for country-code Top-Level Domains (ccTLDs) registries.

Mr. Mahmoud Lattouf, Executive Director of

TAG-Domains, and Mr. Benjamin Crawford, Chief Executive Officer of CentralNic signed the Memorandum.

This cooperation will lead to establish a joint team for identifying and considering jointly undertaking future business opportunities falling within the field of country-code Top-Level Domains (ccTLDs).

Mr. Lattouf said that the MoU is a reflection of the fruitful cooperation in providing strategic consultancy for new ccTLDs.

“This is an important MoU which we signed keeping in mind local registries and the wider regional Internet community. We aim at assisting regional ccTLD registries automating their processes by adopting the

latest technologies and business models,” he added.

#### **About AGIP**

A leading firm for global IPR services covering protection, commercialization and enforcement. AGIP provides domain names registration services through its subsidiary, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Domains (TAG-Domains), an ICANN Accredited Registrar.

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

#### **About CentralNic**

A leading, independent global domain name registry which is committed to making it easier for Internet users to establish new and distinctive domain names with regional and country-specific identities.

[www.centralnic.com](http://www.centralnic.com)

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## **Bahrain Approves GCC Trademarks Law**



MANAMA – His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-

Khalifa issued the decision No. 6 of 2014 approving the unified Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Trademark Law which was ratified in Bahrain in 2012.

The GCC Trademark Law is expected to enter into force in Bahrain six months after its Implementing Regulations are issued.

In this regard, Kingdom of Bahrain is still adopting the current Trademark Law No. 11 of 2006 until the GCC Trademark Law is effective.

The Law, which comprises 52 articles, outlines the general directives and rulings governing trademark registration, renewal, assignment and cancellation procedures in the GCC countries.

## UAE: No Amendments on TM Applications before Registration

ABU DHABI – The Trademark Office in the United Arab Emirates announced that it will no longer accept any requests related to amendments of pending applications, except the minor typographical mistakes, with effect from February 2014.

In this regards, the Trademark Office confirmed that any request to amend any particulars of the trademark application will not be accepted until the application mature into registration.

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## UAE Requires Power of Attorney for Trademark Filings and Oppositions

ABU DHABI – The Trademark Office in the United Arab Emirates announced that it will no longer accept any trademark applications without submitting the Power of Attorney (PoA), with effect from May 1, 2014.

The Trademark Office confirmed that the PoA should

be duly legalized and notarized when filing and/ or opposing any trademark application in the United Arab Emirates.

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## AGIP Holds IP Training Courses in Egypt

CAIRO – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) in collaboration with the Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (TIEC) in Egypt will be holding specialized training courses in Intellectual Property (IP) for ICT companies, researchers and innovators. The training courses will be held in Cairo between May 4 and June 2, 2014.

The courses will shed light on many forms of IP including trademarks, patents, copyrights,

and designs.

The courses aim to deepen comprehensive understanding of IP-related business through lectures and discussions on management of IP in enterprises, IP laws, patent application practices and trademark strategies.

As the leading company in IP field, and through its IP practitioners and experts, AGIP will provide trainees with a more in-depth understanding of

modern principles that govern IP, the latest techniques required for smooth utilization of the IP system, and how to add value to their companies and the global economy; especially that the Arab region requires today professionals equipped with enough knowledge in the IP field.

For more information, please visit the below link:

[http://www.tiec.gov.eg/en-us/IP\\_Support/workshop2/Pages/default.aspx#\\_tab](http://www.tiec.gov.eg/en-us/IP_Support/workshop2/Pages/default.aspx#_tab)

## AGIP participates in INTA's 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

AMMAN - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) will be at the International Trademark Association's (INTA) 136th Annual meeting in Hong Kong, May 10 - 14, 2014.

The AGIP delegation will host meeting rooms at the Hong Kong Convention Center where we will be available to meet with you.

Should you wish to schedule a meeting with one or more of AGIP's representatives, please contact us at [inta@agip.com](mailto:inta@agip.com)

The following AGIP members will be attending:

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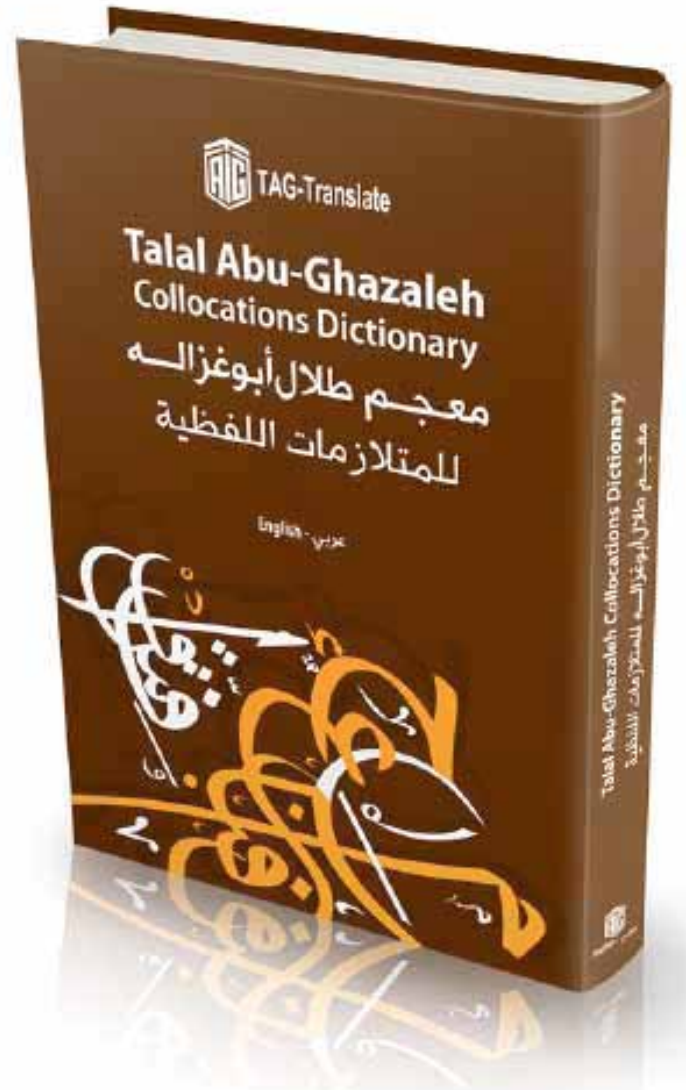
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# TAG-Org Launches Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Collocations Dictionary



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Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) has issued the Collocations Dictionary, the sixth in a series of dictionaries launched and published by the group.

The book is prefaced by a word from TAG-Org's Chairman, HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, who said the dictionary has come to "unveil the richness of our vivid language, Arabic."

He gave examples of some Arabic collocations that raise the curious question of why such combinations of words insist on coming together to give new meanings.

He said: "Collocations are indeed commonly used words so interlinked that they convey together an accurate and beautiful meaning. Learning collocations will give the users immediate powers of expressions in Arabic and will further attach his ties with his native tongue as part of "linguistic empowerment".

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