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According to the agreement signed by Mr. Mahmoud Lattouf, Executive Director of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Domain Names (TAG-Domains), an ICANN accredited registrar, and Ms. Susanna Bennett, ICANN Chief Operating Officer; AGIP will host an L-Root server instance in Amman to help strengthen the security and resiliency of Internet infrastructure in the Arab region.

This crucial agreement will also provide a better load management on root servers, as well as strengthen the regional Internet traffic due to the fact that a dispersed system cannot be taken

offline by a problem at any single instance of a given DNS root server.

Mr. Lattouf said: “This important agreement comes in time when the Internet is rapidly changing in the Arab region resulting in record Internet penetration driving growing traffic. We, at AGIP, are proud of this cooperation with ICANN and based on HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh’s directions we will develop this cooperation in other fields.”

“L-Root” refers to one of thirteen computers that anchor the globe’s Domain Name Service (DNS). Where computers locate one another on a network by numeric address, humans find it easier to use and remember names (for instance, users typically remember “agip.com” more easily

than its IP address, 89.28.217.117) The Domain Name System matches domain names with their correct numeric addresses on the Internet.

It is worth noting that AGIP, through its subsidiary TAG-Domains, is an ICANN accredited registrar providing domain name registrations under generic and country-code Top-Level Domains.

The Arab Center for Dispute Resolution (ACDR) was also approved by ICANN earlier this year to become the fifth dispute resolution provider worldwide and the first in the region.

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Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property Wins International Tender to Develop Trademarks and Patents Systems in Afghanistan

KABUL-Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) and Talal Abu-Ghazaleh and Co. Consulting won an International tender to develop the regulations and laws of trademarks and patents, and the work procedures in the Patents and Trademarks Office in Afghanistan. The tender includes development of electronic systems to register patents and trademarks.

AGIP was selected by Harakat, a non-for-profit independent Afghani organization aims to improve business environment in Afghanistan, from among many International bidders due to its outstanding technical offer, and its knowledge of the work environment in Afghanistan through Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization offices in the capital city of Afghanistan, Kabul.

The tender includes the following:

- Assessment of trademark and patent laws.
- Preparation of procedural guides to register trademarks and other procedural guides to

register patents.

- Development of mechanism to enforce the patent and trademark laws.
- Train the staff at the patent and trademark office in Afghanistan on the amended laws and regulations, and train the technicians to use the electronic systems. This will be done through an advanced electronic registration system.

HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh expressed his pleasure for expanding TAG-Org’s services and businesses to Afghanistan stressing the keenness of TAG-Org to offer its professional services to other countries in the world, especially in the Intellectual Property field.

It is worth mentioning that AGIP, spreading in 81 countries in the world with 45 years of experience contributing to the development and drafting of Intellectual Property laws and regulations for several countries.

AGIP Participates in INTA's 136th Annual Meeting in Hong Kong

AMMAN - Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) took part in the International Trademark Association's (INTA) 136th Annual Meeting that was held in Hong Kong, May 10-14, 2014.

More than 8,500 attendees from 140 countries took part in the meeting which focused on new trends and trademark developments worldwide.

AGIP's 18 –member delegation headed by its CEO and Managing Partner Mr. Luay Abu-Ghazaleh held several crucial meetings with clients and associates and discussed mutual issues and future cooperation.

Mr. Charles Shaban, AGIP executive director, chaired the INTA Middle East Global Council meeting, and participated in the INTA Presidential Committee Structure and the Program Committee to prepare for next year

annual meeting to be held in San Diego.

During the meeting, Ms. Dima Naber, AGIP International Development and Marketing Executive Director, participated in INTA Bulletin meeting, and Mr. Motasem Abu-Ghazaleh, Executive Director of National Marketing, moderated a roundtable at INTA Middle East Global Council meeting.

Through participation in INTA committees, AGIP members gained a unique and rewarding opportunity to make meaningful contributions to the advancement of the Association's objectives, network with their peers and raise their presence within the international trademark community.

It is worth mentioning that AGIP has been attending INTA annual meetings regularly since 1994.

Amendments to Trademark Examination Procedures in the UAE



ABU DHABI – The Trademark Office in the United Arab Emirates recently issued the Decision No. 3 of 2014 related to Trademark Examination

Procedures.

By virtue of the Decision, the trademark pre-examination decision and grant extensions of time during the trademark examination process will no longer be issued. However, acceptance, conditional acceptance and rejection decisions will be only issued.

The Decision further stipulates that the trademark application with list of goods and services that do not conform to the International

Classification of Goods and Services (Nice Classification) will be refused.

Meanwhile, the use of class heading in trademark application is possible to ensure that the specifications of goods and services set out in compliance with the International Classification of Goods and Services, and thus the trademark will not be refused.

The said Decision enters into force on June 1, 2014.

WIPO Launches Unique Image-Based Search for Trademarks, Other Brand Information



GENEVA - The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has unveiled a one-of-a-kind image-search function for its Global Brand Database, adding a new feature that allows users

to upload an image to search for visually similar trademark and other brand-information records from among the millions of images in the collection, a press release by WIPO.

The image-search functionality, which is the first such application among free, public intellectual property databases, was presented at the International Trademark Association (INTA) annual meeting in Hong Kong. It adds an important new search possibility for the Global Brand Database's users, who often wish to see if a logo, trademark

or other similar image is separately registered for use.

The new, easy-to-use image-search technology supplements the database's other querying criteria, including Vienna Classification codes, brand-holder names, country of origin and others. With this new addition, for example, a user can simply upload a proposed logo and quickly return records – sifting through more than 4 million images from 15 national and international collections - of other protected images that may bear a resemblance.

Global Panel Announces New Approach to Managing Future of the Internet



LOS ANGELES, California - The Panel on Global Internet Cooperation and Governance Mechanisms—a global Panel of prominent stakeholders from diverse organizations and governments—released key recommendations on how to evolve the Internet governance (IG)

ecosystem to accommodate global needs for collaboration, interconnectivity and Internet growth. According to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the report also presents a roadmap and timeline for the future management of the Internet.

The report follows the Panel's third and final meeting, hosted by the World Economic Forum in Dubai on 4-5 May. It adopts the IG principles established at NETmundial, the recent Global Multistakeholder Meeting on the Future of Internet Governance in São Paulo, Brazil. The Panel believes these principles—human rights, culture and linguistic diversity, security and stability, and open unfragmented space, among others—are fundamental to implementing a 21st century model of Internet governance.

“It has been an honor to serve as the chair of this distinguished Panel, representing a diverse group of global stakeholders from government, civil society, the private sector, the technical community and international organizations,” said Toomas Hendrik Ilves, President of Estonia and chairman of the Panel. “We intend for the Panel’s work to contribute to the global discussion on how to preserve freedom of expression of the Internet.”

For the past six months, the Panel has worked to characterize key components for promoting a collaborative, decentralized IG ecosystem—one that can effectively meet the burgeoning needs and interests of Internet users globally, while ensuring networks’ security and stability. The Panel identified needed Enablers—including forums and dialogues, expert communities and toolkits—to foster communication, legitimacy and effectiveness throughout the IG process, which the Panel defined in four elements: issue identification, solution mapping, solution formulation and solution implementation.

“The Internet is an indispensable resource for its 3 billion users all around the world. Ensuring that it remains open and interoperable and that decision-making processes are carried out with the involvement of all stakeholders is critical to the future of the Internet and its continued success,” said Vint Cerf, vice-chair of the Panel.

“There is broad interest in how the Internet will be governed and by whom,” said ICANN’s President and CEO Fadi Chehadé. “The discussions at NETmundial reaffirmed the support and desire for a multistakeholder model

of governance and served as an inspiration for the Panel’s recommendations.”

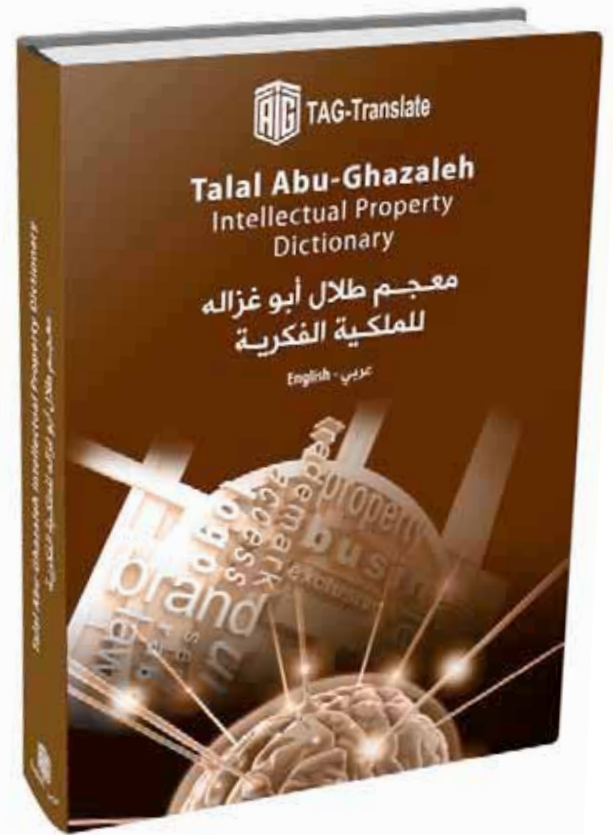
To achieve a collaborative, decentralized IG ecosystem, the Panel recommends next steps mapped against a three-year timeline that include coalescing and supporting broad multistakeholder alliances; developing new and strengthening existing IG mechanisms; and progressing collaborative decision-making. Recognizing the evolving IG dialogue and process, the Panel also identified specific additional questions that will need answers moving forward, and encouraged the global community to weigh in with its responses.

The Panel was convened by ICANN and the World Economic Forum (WEF), with assistance from The Annenberg Retreat at Sunnylands. It met during a series of virtual and in-person meetings between November 2013 to May 2014 in London, Rancho Mirage, Calif., and Dubai. The Panel encourages the global community to refine its roadmap through ongoing discussions and forums, including the upcoming Global Commission on Internet Governance.

“In the spirit of WEF’s global citizenship, it has been important to partner with the Panel on the timely and momentous issue of Internet governance,” said Alan Marcus, senior director and head of Information Technology and Telecommunications Industries at the WEF. “The Internet will continue to grow exponentially in the years to come, and it will be necessary to chart a path forward that allows for equitable opportunity for current and future users.”

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Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization Releases the Second Edition of “Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property Dictionary”



Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) recently issued “Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property Dictionary”, which is deemed the fifth dictionary to be released among a series of scientific, professional and specialized publications. This Dictionary is characterized by the variety of aspects it covers, which you wouldn’t find combined in any of the traditional dictionaries, it also contains the main terminologies that involve Intellectual Property reaching up to ten thousand words.

HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh stated that this updated second edition of the Dictionary is in alignment with the latest developments in the Intellectual Property field.

This Dictionary mirrors the efforts exerted by experts from different fields at TAG-Org mainly in translation, law, technical design and publications.

It was mainly issued to boost knowledge about Intellectual Property, including; the terminologies used by judges, lawyers, professors and law students, it also meets the needs of businessmen, companies and those working in the field of IP and in other economy –related sectors. This dictionary constitutes a main addition in the series of scientific and professional dictionaries.

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