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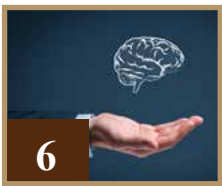
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# مجموعة طلال أبوغزالة Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization

*Located near the Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Tourism*

## **Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization Inaugurates Its 3rd Branch in Bahrain**

**MANAMA** - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org), the global organization for professional services and education, inaugurated a new branch in the Bahrain Financial Harbor near Bahrain Investors Center/ Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Tourism as a professional accredited office.

This step aims at providing administrative, financial, professional and consulting services to investors and clients of the center.

HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh stated that the establishment of this office –TAG-Org’s third branch in Bahrain- comes as part of the Organization’s policies in providing professional services to everyone around the world through our 86 offices and 150 representative offices.

The new branch will provide a host of services such as: Establishment of companies and branches, and all procedures and amendment in SIJILAT system for the existing companies and establishments such as change of partners, change of capital, change of activities, change of commercial name, change the legal status of the entity, Audit services, merger, deletion and liquidation services, follow up the legal status of the companies and establishments.

The branch will also provide financial and management consulting, and the new “coaching” services for business development, where a study is conducted and systemically optimized to develop management methods by guiding 80% of the way of thinking and work development to a 20% productive and developed for business, and work will continue with this institution or company until achieving the desired goals.

The Bahraini Investors Center (BIC) is considered a “One Stop Shop” center that facilitates all services and procedures required to invest in Bahrain.

The BIC was established to facilitate the business start-up process, from the initial application submission to the start of business operations. All investors can direct their applications to a single point of contact through the various delivery channels provided at the BIC. Major government entities involved in the licensing and approval process are either represented in the BIC or linked to its Commercial Registration System (CRS). In addition, private sector partners at the BIC provide vital services to investors, such as consultancy, finance, banking, and telecommunications.

The Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) is the largest global group of professional service firms in the fields of Accounting External Audit, Internal Audit, Corporate Governance, Taxation, Educational Consultancy, Economic and Strategic Studies, Management Advisory Services, Professional and Technical Training, Technology Transfer Project Management in addition to others.

*Source: TAG-Org New*





## New VAT Comes in Force in Egypt

**CAIRO** – The Egyptian Ministry of Finance announced that the Value Added Tax (VAT) law has been officially implemented in the country starting September 9, 2016.

In virtue of this new law, a VAT rate of 10% will be imposed in 2016-17 fiscal year for professional and consulting services.

Accordingly, Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) will add the new VAT amount to all of its Intellectual Property services offered in Egypt.

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Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Legal

# TAG-Legal Discusses Licensing, Franchising and Merchandizing at WIPO's Workshop on Effective IP Management by SMEs

**AMMAN** - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Legal (TAG-Legal) has recently participated in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)'s Sub-Regional Advanced Training of Trainers (TOT) Program which was organized in cooperation with the Industrial Property Protection Directorate of the Jordanian Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply under the title: "Effective Intellectual Property (IP) Asset Management by Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)".

commenced the event, along with Mr. Majed Haddad, Principal Inspector at the Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply.

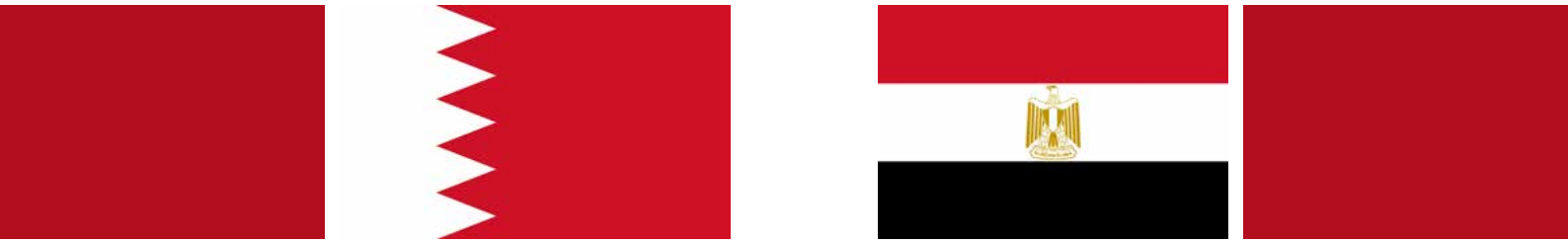
Meanwhile, Ms. Hayja'a Abu Al-Hayja'a, Legal Counsel at TAG-Legal, discussed topics related to licensing, franchising and merchandizing in Jordan through her deep expertise in the IP field.

*Source: TAG-Legal News*

The three-day event which took place in Amman tackled different topics related to Intellectual Property including Industrial Property and copyrights, the legislations governing these rights in Jordan, in addition to the vital role the protection of such rights provide in helping SMEs develop and grow.

Mr. Christopher Kalanje, Senior Program Officer, Small and Medium-sized Entrepreneurship Support Division (SESD), WIPO's Department of Transition and Developed Countries (TDC),





# Egypt Ratifies Agreement to Avoid Income Double Taxation with Bahrain

**CAIRO-** The Egyptian Cabinet has recently approved the Decision No (344) for 2016 which ratifies the agreement on double taxation on income between Egypt and Bahrain. The bilateral agreement originally signed on April 8, 2016 aims at avoiding double taxation on income between the two countries and preventing income tax evasion.

Egypt has included under the agreement taxes imposed on the income of natural persons, including income from wages and salaries, commercial and industrial activities, and other sources of income as stipulated by the law.

The provisions of the law include also any taxes similar in core to those stipulated by any of the contracting parties' legislations after the signing of this agreement.

*Source: Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Legal News*





## 15 Successful Candidates Have Been Selected for NextGen@ICANN57

**LOS ANGELES** - 15 individuals from various universities in the Asian Pacific Region have been selected to participate with ICANN Community Members at the ICANN57 Meeting in Hyderabad India, November 3-9, 2016. According to ICANN, these individuals are engaged in studies that encompass policy, business, technical, security, law, and communications. Five additional selectees who attended a previous ICANN Meeting as NextGenners will now serve as Ambassadors for these newcomers to ICANN.

Individuals were assessed by an independent Selection Committee after submitting an online application and meeting the initial Program requirements. The successful candidates were selected based on their current studies and interest in the work happening in the Internet Ecosystem related to global policy and Internet Governance. They must commit to engage with and learn from the ICANN Community over the Meeting week as well as produce a 10-15 minute presentation related to the work of ICANN and their studies.

Selected Candidates to participate in ICANN57 Meeting to be held in Hyderabad India, 3-9 November 2016:

**Mohammad Haolader** - Bangladesh University of Professionals

**Poornima Meegammna** - AOD International Design Campus

**Zaina Deghles** - Arab American University

**Tran Hoan My Duyen** - Asian University for Women

**Piyush Singh** - Hidayatullah National Law University

**Rohan Wadhwa** - Keio University

**Siddharth Gupta** - National Law University, Delhi

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**Liu Conglun** - Beijing Forestry University

**Fidya Shabrina** - Universitas Gadjah Mada

**Yulita Muspitasari** - Asian University for Women

**Aditya Garg** - National Law University, Delhi

**Gangavarapu Ihita** - Shiv Nadar University

**Anna Liz Thomas** - NALSAR University of Law

*Source: AG-IP News Agency*



# Four IP-Related Administrative Instructions Enter into Force in Kosovo, IPO Changes Official Fees

**PRISTINA-** Four new IP-related administrative instructions have recently entered into force in Kosovo.

The Administrative Instruction (AI) No. 08/2016, effective as of July 4, 2016, relates to the accelerated examination of trademark applications, which is still available if there has been an alleged infringement of trademark rights. When requesting such examination, the applicant must indicate the trademark filing details and submit:

- Copy of the trademark application as filed;
  - Arguments proving the alleged trademark infringement; and
  - Proof of payment of the official fee per trademark in the amount of EUR 120.
- Previously, the applicant also had to submit a proof that a civil or a customs action had been initiated.

The accelerated examination request may be submitted at any time after the filing date, as no time frame is specified. The IP Agency will decide on the request within 15 days from the filing date of the request.

The second AI, No. 10/2016, effective as of August 2, 2016, introduces a single fee system and amends certain official fees.

Previously, the Kosovo IPO provided two different schedules of fees, one for legal entities and one for natural persons. The new AI provides for a single fee schedule for both categories of applicants.

Certain official fees have increased significantly. For instance, the fee for filing oppositions has doubled, from EUR 50 to EUR 100, while the fee for invalidation actions increased from EUR 50 to EUR 200.

The third AI, No. 11/2016, effective as of August 12, 2016, was approved following the entry into force of the new law on geographical indications and designations of origin, in January 2016.

Finally, the fourth AI, No. 12/2016, on the industrial design registration procedure entered into force on August 22, 2016, providing detailed information on the procedures prescribed by the new law on industrial design, in force as of January 2016.

These two AIs thoroughly describe the procedures such as application, registration, publication, recordal of changes, renewal and termination of validity for GI(s) and industrial designs. The new AIs on trademark and patent registration procedures are expected to enter into force soon.

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