



ICANN Renews Registrar Accreditation Agreement with TAG-Domains



AMMAN - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Domain Names (TAG-Domains), a subsidiary of Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP), has met the renewal requirements under ICANN Registrar

Accreditation Agreement (RAA), and thus has been granted accreditation for a term of five years.

As an ICANN accredited registrar since 2002, TAG-Domains offers a wide range of domain name registration services, including Generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs), Country-Code Top Level Domains (ccTLDs) and Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) registrations in countries where AGIP provides its services. Furthermore, it advises clients on latest developments in the domain name industry and how to protect their brands online.

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AMMAN - HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh announced the opening of a new office in Sydney, the most populous city in Australia and Oceania, which will strengthen Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization's (TAG-Org) global expansion strategy represented by more than 110 offices around the world.

The office, located on O'Connell Street in the heart of the business district, surrounded by Sydney's most successful companies and amongst some of Sydney's finest Premium Grade buildings and stands out as a focal point of the Sydney central business district will

provide a host of services including education and professional services, culture, language learning, information technology, Intellectual Property and vocational training.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh stated: "Our expansion strategy dictates us to have a strong presence in every major city around the world and we are proud that our Sydney Office will play a big role in providing our unique services to local clients and will also cover New Zealand."

"We have established our first office in China 25 years ago and now we have six offices in

different cities across China. Just like we teach Chinese language in Jordan through TAG Confucius - the only partnership between private sector and the government of China - we teach Arabic language in China. The Australian market is very important for our services and we expect excellent growth that allows us to expand more," he added.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh received Australian Ambassador to Jordan HE Miles Armitage in his office and discussed with him the next step; the Ambassador commended the move as "a step forward" and "the right moment" saying: "Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh vision has always been positive and his latest office in Sydney will open new opportunities and business ventures."

It's worth mentioning that Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) is the largest global group of professional

service firms offering services 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, Real Estate, Management, Investors and Business Advisory Services, Human Resources and Recruitment Services, E - G o v e r n m e n t , E - C o m m e r c e , E-Education, IT and Security Audit, Web Design, Professional Interpretation and Translation, Website Arabization, Domain Names Registration, ICT Strategic Planning, ERP Consulting Services, IT and Internet Skills Training and Examinations, Intellectual Property Rights Protection and Management, Legal Services, among others.

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AMMAN - HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh received in his office the Brazilian Ambassador to Jordan HE Mr. Francisco Luz and discussed Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization's strategy in expanding in the South American Country through a new office in São Paulo, the newest addition to the 110+ offices around the world.

new office will soon start operating in São Paulo, Brazil's vibrant financial center, which is among the world's most populous cities.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh stated that the

“We are very excited to have a strong presence in Brazil and present our wide range of services to local clients starting with our Intellectual Property Services provided by Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) to our consulting and other

key services. All documents of the new office are being finalized and now we are selecting the location for the office,” Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh said.

“We expect great growth in Brazil as we will be focusing on our other global services, including teaching languages, computer literacy, translation, electronic archiving and consulting services which will be provided in cooperation with local partners,” he added.

TAG-Org’s office in São Paulo will be managed by Mr. Issam Saldanha, a Brazilian national, who is also the grandson of Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh and

will open the door to promote all services in Uruguay and Paraguay.

HE the Brazilian Ambassador congratulated Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh on such a great move saying: “Brazil welcomes you and your services. The year 2019 will mark the 60th anniversary of the relations between Brazil and Jordan and it will also be the year of celebration in the fields of business, arts and culture.”

At the end of meeting, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh presented HE the Ambassador with a shield of appreciation for the Ambassador’s contribution to the Jordanian-Brazilian relations.

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KIEV - At the UADOM domain industry conference, held in Kyiv, Ukraine on December 7, 2018, a World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) representative announced that

negotiations on the application of the Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP) to the .UA country-code top-level domain (ccTLD) are taking place between WIPO and Hostmaster, operator of Ukrainian .UA domain.

The UDRP is the procedure established by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) for the resolution of domain name disputes, while WIPO is one of five approved UDRP providers that currently provides domain name dispute resolution services for 76 ccTLDs. The .UA ccTLD might become its 77th.

It is expected that the negotiations will be completed in early 2019, and that the first .UA domain cases may be considered by the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center in the first half of 2019.

At first, the UDRP will be applicable only to second-level private domain names (e.g. <name.ua>), which can be registered only by trademark owners and on condition that the domain name coincides with the respective trademark registration valid in Ukraine.

The UDRP application to third-level private domain names (e.g. <name.com.ua>, <name.net.ua>, etc.) is expected to be considered during the second half of 2019.

The UDRP procedure is more time- and cost-effective than pursuing an action through the courts. The cost ranges from EUR 1,315 (USD 1,500) to EUR 4,385 (USD 5,000) and the process usually lasts 60-75 days. For a complaint to be successful, the following must be proven:

- The complainant's trademark is identical or confusingly similar to the domain name;
- The domain name registrant has no rights or legitimate interests in respect of the domain name in question; and
- The domain name is registered or used in bad faith.

The remedies available to the complainant are the domain name cancellation or its transfer to the complainant. A complainant must meet the ccTLD's eligibility criteria in order for the domain name to be transferred to them.

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