IDNs : Implementations, Challenges and Opportunities Workshop

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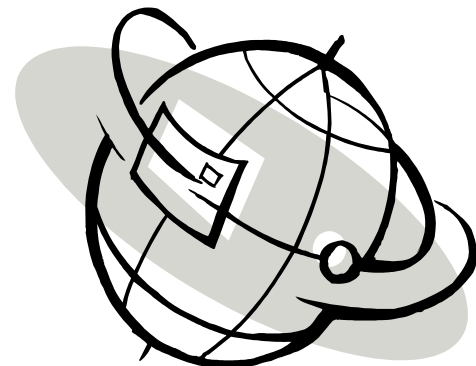## Internationalizing the Internet Addressing System

The Internet has become the main global network which connects our more two billion internet users worldwide.

Currently, the internet online content language landscape is changing, it's estimated that more than 60% of the Internet contents are in languages other than English, although English language is still widely used by internet users, new languages are being used online now by millions of internet users.

In the Last decade the Internet Technical, Linguist and ICANN Community, has been working on changes to the Domain Names Systems "DNS" in order to support international languages like Arabic, Cyrillic and Chinese.

The first Internationalized Domain Names "IDNs" were delegated in Internet Root DNS by end of April 2010, more than year after the introduction of Internationalized Domain Names.

One year after the introduction of IDNs, there is more than 33 requests for new IDNs in 22 different languages being made to ICANN.

16 Counties currently have Domain Names in their native language, this change is considered one of the biggest changes in Internet history.

Workshop Objectives

The workshop will present the current status of IDN implementations, sharing best practices and experiences from a group of IDNs Top Level Domains Operators and identifying the key challenges facing IDN adoption.

The panelists will exchange their countries experiences in implementing and operating an IDN ccTLD, beside a discussion of the main challenges that might affect the successful adoptions of IDNs.

PANELISTS

RAM MOHAN – Moderator
Executive Vice President, & Chief Technology Officer of Afilias Limited

Ram oversees key strategic, management and technology choices for the company in support of the company's various lines of business. These include fifteen generic top-level domains (gTLDs) including .INFO and .ORG. Ram serves on the Board of Directors of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), nominated by the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (of which he is a founding member). He has authored numerous global internet-industry standards, has led the GNSO IDN Working Group, and is a co-founder of the Arabic Script IDN Working Group.

BAHER ESMAT
Manager, Regional Relations – Middle East Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

Baher Esmat is part of ICANN Global Partnerships where he manages relationships with ICANN stakeholders in the Middle East. He joined ICANN in February 2006 from the Egyptian Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), where he served since 2002, most recently as Telecom Planning Manager, where his responsibilities included projects relating to telecommunication infrastructures and Internet services. Between 1993 and 1999, Baher served as a Systems Engineer at Egypt's Cabinet Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC), where he participated in establishing the first Internet Point of Presence in Egypt.

JIAN ZHANG
General Manager, Asia Pacific Top Level Domains Association "ApTLD"

Jian has extensive experience in the domain name and ICT industry. Jian is currently the General Manager of APTLD. She's actively involved in the Asia Pacific Internet community and she is a current board member of the Asia & Pacific Internet Association (APIA). She was also the first female Executive Council member of Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) and policy sig co-chair of APNIC. She's also the current ICANN ccNSO (Country Code Names Supporting Organization) councilor. Jian was the Director of the International Business Department of China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC, .CN registry).. Jian was also one of the key drivers on the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process. She has participated in the IDN policy development process in ICANN.

IRINA DANELIA
Coordination Center for TLD .RU, Policy & Procedures Development

Irina joined the Coordination Center for TLD .RU in February 2010. Her current responsibilities include policy & procedures development as well as everyday operations. Irina also took an active part in launching the .РФ IDN. Irina has 12 years of experience in the telecommunication industry. Her accomplishments include establishing and increasing nationwide sales and distribution of mass-market Internet products, managing complex business development and marketing projects.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR
Manager, Numbering and Internet Domain, ictQATAR

Mohamed joined ictQATAR in 2008 and currently manages Qatar's National Numbering Plan and Qatar Domains Registry (.QA and قطر. IDN ccTLD Operator). Before joining ictQATAR he was actively involved with ICANN since 2001, later He got involved in Internationalized Domain Names "IDN" Policy Developments. He was Founder and President of Sudan Internet Society from 2001 until 2008. He is a member of ICANN IDN Guidelines Revision Working Group "WG Reviewing IDN guidelines", was member of ICANN President's Advisory Committee in IDNs, El Bashir was elected Vice President of African Top Level Domains Organization. He is also served as a Council member in ICANN's Country Code Supporting Organization "ccNSO" Council representing Africa, and was a member of ICANN's Board At Large Advisory Committee "ALAC".

SULEMAN BAKHSH
Senior ICT Analyst, Telecommunication Regulation Authority (TRA)

He works for the UAE Telecommunication Regulatory Authority as a Senior Information and Communication Technologies Analyst. As project manager and technology analyst, he supervises and manages many projects including policy development, comparative analysis and benchmarking. He is also heavily involved in internet technologies, telecom market advancements, cyber security, and internet governance. He has been representing UAE in various International Telecommunication Union Meetings and Conferences such as IPv6 working group and WSIS Annual conferences.

Tan Yaling
China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC)

He has been active at ICANN community and the area of Interment Governance area. In 2008 and 2010, he has been heavily involved in the IDN policy development process at ICANN on behalf of CNNIC and Chinese community. He participated in the application and delegation process of Chinese IDN ccTLD ".China". Mr. Yaling Tan serves on the Board of Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association.

MINA NAGY TAKLA – Remote Moderator
Social Media Specialist – ictQATAR

Mina is specialized in online marketing and market research. Since joining ictQATAR in late 2008, Mina has been extensively working in the area of social media engagement, as a pivotal and integral element in ictQATAR's overall communications strategy. Mina is also an Arabic e-content activist, enthusiast and active contributor.