

Expert Group Meeting on Global Harmonization of Arabic Script Use in Domain Names

3rd Meeting of the Arabic Script in Internationalised Domain Names Working Group (ASIWG)
Cairo, Egypt, November 8-10, 2008,

Intercontinental Citystars Hotel, Al-Montaza-3 Room

Agenda

DAY ONE: Saturday, November 8, 2008	
8:30 am to 9:00 am	Attendees Gather, Informal Introductions, Online Session Starts
OPENING SESSION	
9:00 am to 9:30 am	<p>Welcome Note [Ayman El-Sherbiny, Manal Ismail] Keynote Comments [John Klensin] Introduction to the Workshop [Ram Mohan]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ground rules for discussions - Quick overview of the agenda - Facilitator's role / Moderator's role - What this Workshop is NOT about - Planning our time for the next two and a half days - Consideration to fellow colleagues
SESSION I: Round-Table: Review of Progress & Pending issues Moderator: Ayman El-Sherbiny; Facilitator: Ram Mohan	
9:30 am to 11:15 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of ASIWG-II (28-29 May 08, Dubai) and ICANN Meeting (22-26 June 08, Paris) and online discussions [Ram Mohan] - Review of activities in the Urdu language community [Sarmad Hussein] - Review of activities in the Farsi language community [Alireza Saleh] (online) - Review of activities in the Arabic language community [Abdulaziz Al-Zoman, Raed Al-Fayez] - Review of IDNA 2008 [John Klensin] - ICANN Update [Baher Esmat] - ccTLD Fast Track Update [Manal Ismail] - gTLD Considerations [Ram Mohan] - Business and Legal considerations for multilingual script based registries [Bart Lieben] - UNESCO activities for the promotion of multilingualism and UNESCO-ITU activities in IDNs [Andrea Becalli] - Proposed Solution for Writing Domain Names in Different Arabic Script Based Languages [Raed Al-Fayez] - Arabic Character Recognition using Fuzzy Neural Networks [Suliman Mustafa] <p><i>For each review: Main discussion points, outcomes discussed, specific actions completed, and tasks remaining to be done</i></p>
11:15 am to 11:30 am	Break
11:30 am to 11:45 am	Group Participation: Identification of Pending Issues to address in this meeting
SESSION II: Group Discussion: Issues and solutions Moderator: XXXX; Facilitator: Ram Mohan	
11:45 am to 12:30 pm	ZWNJ: Modeling with Arabic Characters
12:30 am to 1:00 pm	ZWNJ: Decisions
1:00 pm to 2:15 pm	Lunch
SESSION III: Group Discussion: Issues and solutions Moderator: XXXX; Facilitator: Ram Mohan	
2:15 pm to 2:45 pm	Character variants tables for each language group: Presentations, Proposals and Discussion

2:45 pm to 3:15 pm	Character variants tables for each language group: Decisions
3:15 pm to 3:45 pm	Character normalization lists, gap analysis and liaison with UNICODE: Presentations, Proposals and Discussion
3:45 pm to 4:15 pm	Character normalization lists, gap analysis and liaison with UNICODE: Decisions
4:15 pm to 4:30 pm	Day 2 plans & Overall Session outcomes
4:30 pm	End of Day One

DAY TWO: Sunday, November 9, 2008	
SESSION IV: Summary of Day One Moderator: Ayman El-Sherbiny	
8:30 am to 9:00 am	- Overview of Day 1 Outcome - Agenda Review for Day Two, Online Session Starts
SESSION V: Group Discussion: Issues and solutions Moderator: XXXX; Facilitator: Ram Mohan	
9:00 am to 9:30 am	Registration process of languages using Arabic script: Presentations, Proposals and Discussion
9:30 am to 10:00 am	Registration process of languages using Arabic script: Decisions
10:00 am to 10:30 am	- Common policy guidelines and best practices for registries Options, pros and cons of options
10:30 am to 11:00 am	Newly added languages using Arabic script: Presentations, Proposals, Discussion and Decisions
11:00 am to 11:15 am	Break
SESSION VI: Group Discussion: Issues and solutions Moderator: XXXX; Facilitator: Ram Mohan	
11:15 am to 11:45 am	Confusing characters beyond the IETF: Presentations, Proposals and Discussion
11:45 am to 12:15 pm	Confusing characters beyond the IETF: Decisions
1:00 pm to 2:15 pm	Lunch
SESSION VII: Group Discussion: Issues and solutions Moderator: XXXX; Facilitator: Ram Mohan	
2:15 pm to 3:15 pm	Quest for a font type for all Unicode approved characters
3:15 pm to 4:15 pm	Tools to be built to help the Arabic script community
4:15 pm to 4:30 pm	Day 3 plans & Overall Session outcomes
4:30 pm	End of the Day Two

DAY THREE: Monday, November 10, 2008	
SESSION IIX: Summary of Day Two Moderator: Ayman El-Sherbiny	
8:00 am to 8:30 am	- Overview of Day 2 Outcome - Agenda Review for Day Three, Online Session Starts
SESSION IX: The Road Ahead and Ending Notes Moderator: Ayman EL-Sherbiny; Facilitator: Ram Mohan	
8:30 am to 8:45 am	Action plan for engaging North African countries in ASIWG
8:45 am to 9:30 am	ASIWG future plans
9:30 am to 10:00 am	Ending Notes
CLOSING SESSION	
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Drafting of the final report (closed session – drafting committee)