



# Expert Group Meeting on The Use of Arabic Script in Domain Names

Second Global Workshop of the Arabic Script IDN Working Group (ASIWG)  
Dubai, U.A.E. May 28-29, 2008

## Agenda

DAY ONE: Wednesday, May 28, 2008	
8:00 am to 8:30 am	Attendees Gather, Informal Introductions
OPENING SESSION	
8:30 am to 9:00 am	<p><b>Welcome Note [Ayman El-Sherbiny, Mohamed Al-Zarooni]</b></p> <p><b>Keynote Comments [John Klensin]</b></p> <p><b>Introduction to the Workshop [Alexa Raad]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ground rules for discussions</li> <li>- What this Workshop is NOT about</li> </ul> <p><b>Workshop Considerations [Ram Mohan]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Quick overview of the agenda</li> <li>- Planning our time for the next two days</li> <li>- Facilitator's role / Moderator's role</li> <li>- Consideration to fellow colleagues</li> </ul>
SESSION I	
<b>Round-Table: Review of Progress &amp; Pending issues</b> Moderator: Ayman El-Sherbiny; Facilitator: Ram Mohan	
9:00 am to 10:45 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of ASIWG-1 Meeting &amp; ICANN Dubai Session [<b>Ram Mohan</b>]</li> <li>- Review of 8 weeks progress [<b>Al-Zoman, Raed, Sarmad</b>]</li> <li>- Review of APTLD KL Meeting [<b>Raed, Sarmad</b>]</li> <li>- Special Considerations from the perspective of the Arabic Domain Names pilot project [<b>AbdulAziz Al-Zoman</b>]</li> <li>- Arabic Script paper presentation [<b>Sarmad Hussein</b>]</li> <li>- IDNabis Protocol Review &amp; update [<b>John Klensin</b>]</li> <li>- ICANN Update [<b>Baher</b>]</li> <li>- ccTLD Fast Track Update [<b>Manal</b>]</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- gTLD Considerations [Alexa, Ram]</li> <li>IDNAbis specific considerations [John Klensin + Group Discussion]</li> <li>IDNAbis &amp; IETF Protocol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ASIWG Planned Inputs</li> <li>- Action items</li> </ul> </li> <li>Timelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For each review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Main discussion points</li> <li>- Outcomes discussed</li> <li>- Specific actions completed</li> <li>- Tasks remaining to be done</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10:45 am to 11:15 am	<b>Group Participation:</b> Identification of Pending Issues to address in this meeting
11:15 am to 11:30 am	<b>Break</b>
<b>SESSION II</b> <b>Group Discussion: Issues and solutions (1/5)</b> Moderator: Alexa Raad; Facilitator: Ram Mohan	
11:30 am to 12:30 pm	ZWNJ Confusing Cases: Presentations, Proposals and Discussion
12:30 am to 1:00 pm	ZWNJ Confusing Cases: Decisions
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>SESSION III</b> <b>Group Discussion: Issues and solutions (2/5)</b> Moderator: Manal Ismail; Facilitator: Ram Mohan	
2:15 pm to 3:15 pm	Non-Spacing Marks & Confused characters due to combining Madda and Hamza: Presentations, Proposals and Discussion
3:15 pm to 3:45 pm	Non-Spacing Marks & Confused characters due to combining Madda and Hamza: Decisions
3:45 pm to 4:00 pm	<b>Break</b>
<b>SESSION IV</b> <b>Group Discussion: Issues and solutions (3/5)</b> Moderator: Ibaa Oueichek; Facilitator: Ram Mohan	
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Numerals: Presentations, Proposals and Discussion
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Numerals: Decisions
6:00 pm to 6:30 pm	Day 2 plans & Overall Session outcomes
6:30 pm	<b>End of Day One</b>

**DAY TWO: Thursday, May 29, 2008**

**SESSION V  
Closed Meeting**

Moderator: Ayman El-Sherbiny

8:00 am to 9:15 am

**Internet-Draft on the Linguistic guidelines of Arabic Domain Names**  
*(A. El-Sherbiny/ J. Klensin/ A. Al-Zoman/ Ibaa Oueichek)*

9:15 am to 9:30 am

**Break**

**SESSION VI  
Summary of Day One**

Facilitator: Ram Mohan

9:30 am to 10:00 am

- Overview of Day 1 Outcome
- Agenda Review for Day Two

**SESSION VII  
Group Discussion: Issues and solutions (4/5)**

Facilitator: Ram Mohan

10:00 am to 11:15 am

Diacritics Presentations, Proposals and Discussion

11:15 am to 11:30 am

Diacritics Decisions

11:30 am to 11:45 am

**Break**

**SESSION VIII  
Group Discussion: Issues and solutions (5/5)**

Facilitator: Ram Mohan

11:45 am to 12:30 pm

Variant Tables Presentations, Proposals and Discussion

12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

Variant Tables Decisions

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

**Lunch**

**SESSION IX  
The road ahead (1/2)**

Moderator: Ayman EL-Sherbiny; Facilitator: Ram Mohan

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

- ICANN Paris Plans**
- Outputs of ASIWG prior to ICANN Paris
  - Action Items
  - Timelines

	<b>IETF Dublin Plans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Outputs of ASIWG prior to IETF Dublin</li> <li>- Action Items</li> <li>- Timelines</li> </ul>
3:30 pm to 4:15 pm	<b>ASIWG Structure, Funding Discussion (Group)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Structure</li> <li>- Funding</li> <li>- Formal links with other bodies</li> <li>- Secretariat</li> <li>- 2008 Meeting Calendar &amp; Planning</li> </ul>
4:15 pm to 4:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
<b>SESSION X</b> <b>The road ahead (2/2)</b> Moderator: Ayman EL-Sherbiny; Facilitator: Ram Mohan	
4:30 pm to 6:15 pm	<b>3/4/5 Layer proposal feasibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion on feasibility</li> <li>- Inputs received so far</li> <li>- Scalability</li> <li>- Action Items</li> <li>- Timelines</li> </ul> -Other topics
<b>Closing Session</b>	
6:15 pm to 6: 30 pm	Closing remarks [ <b>Ayman EI-Sherbiny, Mohamed Al-Zarooni</b> ]
6: 30 pm	<b>End of the Meeting</b>