

Statement of Interest for the IDN Variant TLDs Issues Project

1. **Your Name:** *Manal Ismail*

2. **Current employer and position:**

Egyptian National Telecom Regulatory Authority

Director, International Technical Coordination Department

3. **Type of work performed:**

- *Work on a national agenda to further promote the use of Internet and increase Broadband penetration nationwide.*
- *Work on establishing channels and making necessary coordination with the international community on Internet related topics.*
- *Work on information sharing and linking of the national dialogue on Internet issues with the international agenda.*

4. **Identify any financial ownership and/or senior management/leadership that are interested parties in IDN Variant TLDs related topics:**

- *No financial ownership interests.*
- *The Egyptian Government is interested in diversity, inclusion, introduction of IDNs with particular interest in promoting the use of Arabic language on the Internet.*

5. **Identify any type of commercial or non-commercial interest in IDN Variant TLDs related topics. Are you representing other parties? Describe any arrangements/agreements between you and any other group, constituency or person(s) regarding your nomination/selection as a team member:**

- *No commercial interest.*
- *The Egyptian Government is interested in diversity, inclusion, introduction of IDNs with particular interest in promoting the use of Arabic language on the Internet.*

6. **IDN Variant Case Study Team members are expected to demonstrate knowledge or expertise in aspects related to the IDN Variants. Please, identify any knowledge, expertise or experience you have that would be relevant to the work on IDN Variant TLDs Issues Project:**

- *Represents Egypt at the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and has coordinated GAC discussions on and input to the IDN Fast Track Process.*
- *Member of the League of Arab States Working Group on Arabic Domain Names and has been involved in setting up an Arabic domain names test bed.*

- Participated to early script community efforts on IDNs through the [Arabic Script IDN Working Group \(ASIWG\)](#), a self-organizing group of parties interested in the implementation of Arabic script in IDNs.
- Co-Chaired the [IDNC Working Group](#) on Fast Track Process for IDN ccTLDs.
- Has been involved in delegation and launching of [Egypt's Arabic ccTLD](#).
- Member of the [ccNSO IDN ccPDP Working Group 1](#) on identifying a feasible policy for the selection and delegation of IDN ccTLDs.

7. Describe any tangible or intangible benefit that you receive from participation in such processes, for example, if you are an academic or NGO and use your position to advance your ability to participate, this should be a part of the statement of interest, just as should employment by an organization that has an interest in IDN Variant TLDs:

'Variants' is an issue that is equally important to both ccTLDs as well as gTLDs and needs coordination among the different language and script communities. The Government of Egypt is interested in:

- *Reaching a consistent predictable variants handling mechanism.*
- *Meeting end-users expectations to seamlessly access Arabic Domain Names maintaining the normal behavior of the DNS system in terms of resolvability, uniqueness and consistency.*