

## Application for "At-Large Structure" (ALS) Designation



Applications should be submitted electronically to [staff@alac.icann.org](mailto:staff@alac.icann.org). Please address any questions about the applications process to this address.

The form can be downloaded from [URL Here]

### Organisation Contact information

1. Organisation's Name: [Arab Regional ISPs & DSPs Association \(ARISPA\)](#)
2. Organisation's email address: [info@arispa.org](mailto:info@arispa.org)
3. Organisation's phone number (include country/city codes): [+971 50 6544167](#)
4. Organisation's address (location and postal address, if different):  
[Trust Tower ,2nd floor Bldg No. 125](#)  
[Diplomatic Area , Manama - Kingdom of Bahrain.](#)
5. Organisation's website (URL) (if available): [www.arispa.org](http://www.arispa.org)

Primary and Secondary Contact for Organisation:

*If accredited, the primary contact will be assumed to be that person who will cast any votes required, with the secondary person being the alternate – though your Organisation may at any time change its voting and alternate representatives.*

6. Primary contact:
  - a. Name: [Eng. Feras Bakour](#)
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  - c. Telephone: [+963 11 3349100](#)
7. Secondary Contact:
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  - b. Email address: [ahelayyil@awalnet.com](mailto:ahelayyil@awalnet.com)
  - c. Telephone: [+966 \(1\) 460 0111 / Ext 1210](#)

## Description

### 1. Structure and Governance:

- a. Is your Organisation constituted so that individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region in which your Organisation is based control your Organisation?

Indicate Yes or No: **No**

- b. Please explain the answer above in sufficient detail so that a person not familiar with your Organisation would be able to understand the reasons for your answer, and attach or reference the URLs where any statutes or operating principles or other supporting information related to this question can be found:

ARISPA is governed by a board of directors who are elected for a period of three years by the general assembly in a way that each member country should be presented in the board by one member who is in turn elected by the members from this country to represent it in the board. For more information please refer to our website; [www.arispa.org](http://www.arispa.org)

- c. Is your organization formally incorporated or organized under a national legal jurisdiction?

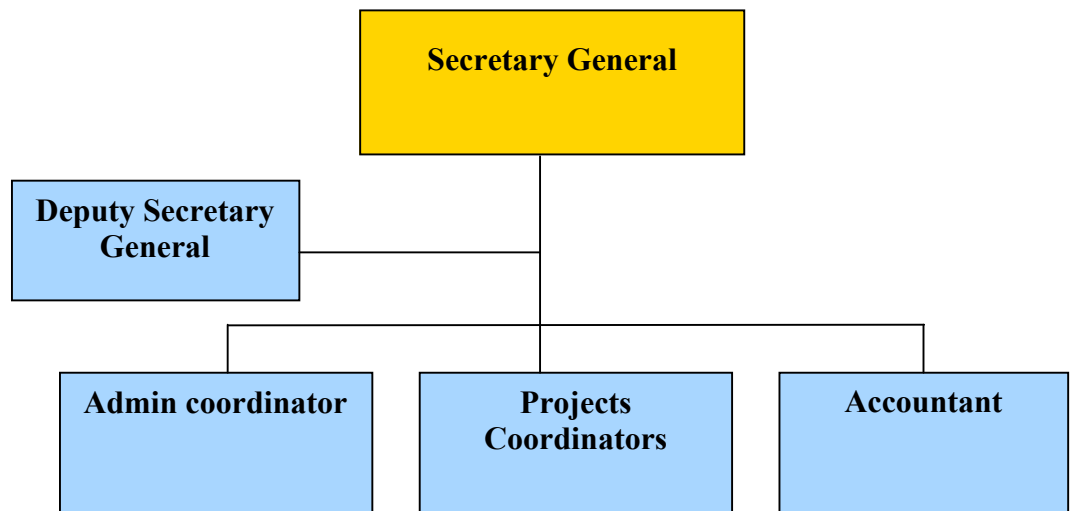
Indicate Yes or No: **Yes**

IF YES: Please describe what legal recognition it has and indicate the place of legal incorporation or registration

[The League of Arab States - Council of Arab Economic Unity - Egypt](#)

[Our organization General Secretariat Office is registered in Manama city- Kingdom of Bahrain](#)

- d. Describe your Organisation's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):



### **Board of Directors Members (2008-2011)**

- Firas Bakkour - Syria , Chairman.
- Abdullah Hashim – United Arab Emirates, Vice Chairman.
- Fahad Al-Hussain - Saudia Arabia, Board Member .
- Karim Beshara – Egypt , Board Member.
- Maroun Chammas – Lebanon , Board Member.
- Sami Smeirat - Jordan , Board Member.
- Waleed Al-Qallaf – Kuwait , Board Member.
- Fahad Al-Shirawi - Kingdom of Bahrain , Board Member .

- e. Does your organization have written bylaws or other constitutional instruments?

Indicate Yes or No: **Yes**

IF YES: Please provide a copy along with your application (in English if available)

- f. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your Organisation's constituents/membership (if you provide a written application for admission as a member, you may attach a copy):

We have three kinds of memberships; Active, Associate, and Observing;

1- Active Members could be companies , constitutions , unions , or Arab projects which Its main activities or business domain is providing internet or telecom services or any other related services, or developing related products to this sector .

2- Associate members could be constitutions, establishments, or firms that main activities are providing consultancy, planning, and implementing services that are related to the above and essential to the businesses of the above mentioned firms.

3- Observing members are the Arab Economic Counsel, Arab organizations with the related activities, and all the members whose applications are approved by the board of directors to be an observing member.

- g. In what language/s does your Organisation conduct its business?

**Arabic & English**

## **2. About Your Members**

- a. Do you have individual members with the ability to vote in or otherwise control the management of the organization?

Indicate Yes or No: **NO**

*IF NO: Describe what role individuals have in the management and work of the organization.*

Actually we don't have individual members as all our members are firms ,companies , organizations and associations .

- b. Do you have organisations as all or part of your membership?

Indicate Yes or No: **Yes**

*IF YES: Describe whether they are profit-making, non-profit-making, a mixture of both, and/or what proportion of the total membership each type of private sector organization is. Please also describe what the nature of the organizational members is: For example, are they all of a similar type or interested in a similar activity or policy area?*

Actually we have mixture of both profit and non profit making, the profit making are around 85 % of the total members, and there similarity comes from the interest they have in developing the internet and telecom sectors and related services .

- c. Do you have governmental bodies, or quasi-governmental bodies, as members of your organisation?

Indicate Yes or No:

**We may have**

*IF YES: Please describe their nature and role in the decision-making and work of your organization, and the proportion of the total membership made up of these types of organization.*

**The same as the role of other members**

- d. Describe the general membership – are they predominately of one (or more) professional background or interest group? (e.g. journalists, online rights activists, consumer organizations, individual consumers, etc.):

**Members should be working in the field of internet, or telecom, by providing services or developing related products or even conducting consultancy or providing studies to the market and should have references in this domain**

- e. Describe how your Organisation keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:

**By issuing and circulating news letter, and monthly reports**

- f. Approximately how many members, of each type of membership class if you have more than one, do you have?

**- Active : 20**

**- Associate : 5**

**- Observing : 4**

3. Provide support for the statement that your Organisation is self-supporting (by answering "yes" you confirm that it will not rely on ICANN for funding):

Indicate Yes or No: [Yes](#)

4. What is the primary source, or sources, of funding for your Organisation? (if unfunded/entirely voluntary simply indicate "N/A"):

[Membership fees and any contributions or donations that may come from any of the members to support the organization's activity .](#)

5. Do you receive any funding from government agencies or for-profit entities? If so, please describe below and describe their involvement in the activities of the organization (if they so participate): [No](#)

6. Does your Organisation commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN?

Indicate Yes or No: [Yes](#)

6. Does your Organisation post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your Organisation's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s) (if this information currently is available, provide URLs)?

Indicate Yes or No: [Yes - \[www.arispa.org\]\(http://www.arispa.org\)](#)

7. Provide information on your Organisation's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):

- Firas Bakkour – ARISPA Chairman - Chairman of INANA Group - Syria
  - Email: [b-feras@scs-net.org](mailto:b-feras@scs-net.org)
- Abdullah Hashim – ARISPA Vice Chairman, Vice President / Enterprise Solutions of Etisalat - United Arab Emirates
  - Email: [ahashim@etisalat.ae](mailto:ahashim@etisalat.ae)
- Fahad Al-Hussain– ARISPA Board Member - President of AWALNET - Saudi Arabia
  - Email: [fhussain@awalnet.com](mailto:fhussain@awalnet.com)
- Karim Beshara - ARISPA Board Member – CEO of LinkDotNet – Egypt
  - Email: [karimgb@mail.link.net](mailto:karimgb@mail.link.net)
- Maroun Chammas - ARISPA Board Member - Executive Director of IDM – Lebanon
  - Email: [mnc@idm.net.lb](mailto:mnc@idm.net.lb)
- Sami Smeirat - ARISPA Board Member - CEO Enterprise Business Unit of Orange - Jordan
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- Waleed Al-Qallaf - ARISPA Board Member - General Manager, Sales of Qualitynet - Kuwait
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- Fahed Al-Sheirawi - ARISPA Board Member - Managing Director of 2connect - Bahrain
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- Abdulaziz Al-Helayyel – ARISPA Secretary General
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## Objectives

- 1- Please describe your Organisation's mission and purpose (please attach any mission or policy statement for your Organisation, if in writing, or provide a URL, if posted): (www.arispa.org)
  - 1- Supporting and helping its members in the following fields:
    - Regulating the Arab countries' benefiting from the internet and communication in various fields.
    - Bridging the digital gab between the advanced countries and Arab countries.
    - Uprising in internet field, along with its direction towards pushing the economic and social development process, so as to establish a generation of specialized human cadres.
    - Generating and encouraging the researches and studies in the internet and communication fields, along with convening specialized conferences and seminars.
    - Fostering cooperation relationships among internet associations and institutions in the Arab World.
    - Working on unifying internet terminology.
    - Seeking and participating in issuing statutes and regulations pertaining to internet and communication.
    - Supporting the establishment of national informational associations in the Arab countries that still lacking them.
    - Issuing a specialized periodical to so as to speak for the Association.
    - Cooperating with the Arab and International organizations that have to do with the goals of the Association.
    - Reaching out to a comprehensive Arab internet society, transforming the Arab region into a productive region that uses and exports the developed technology.
    - Utilizing internet technologies in supporting social and economic applications.
  2. Developing and generating working methods, so as to achieve the best possible economic results, as well as exchanging expertise among members for the purpose.
  3. Obtaining the advanced modern technology, and integrating members' efforts to gain the said technology under the best terms, and then working on its development in conformity with the nature and reality of the members' activities and installations.
  4. Processing researches and generating economic feasibility studies for the projects intended to be established, as related to communicating with specialized experienced Arab and foreign houses.
  5. Implementing new projects, or expanding outstanding ones, to meet the requirements from the internet in the Arab World.
  6. Solving the technical, commercial, and other troubles, to which the members get exposed during processing the tasks assigned to them.
  7. Fulfilling the members' requirements of material, equipment, and disposables, if deemed necessary or for any real benefit, taking into consideration the appropriate quality and price. Also, the Association should encourage the members towards exchanging materials and installations when necessary.
  8. Encouraging the companies and institutions belonging to the Association to deal as a unified group, in their relations to third parties. They are to be supported in this concern.

9. Assuming a judicial role when consulted for this purpose, as well as contributing in other judicial acts when required.
10. Encouraging the members to establish shared Arab companies, and offering projects for the establishment of these companies, to be reviewed by the Council of Arab Economic Unity or the concerned Arab organization.
11. Utilizing all methods in the context of developing all mutual, international, and Arab commercial relationships, including e-commerce, and specialized electronic portals.
12. Establishing strong collaborative relationships with the other Arab unions and authorities, so as to achieve the goals of the Association, not to mention the technical ones; i.e Arab Union of Information Technology and Arab Academy for Science & Technology, in addition to establishing cooperative connections with foreign authorities related to Association's working field and activities.
13. Putting training and orientation programs to further promote the workers' effectiveness in the Association's work field, in addition to offering help and support in implementing these programs.
14. Issuing bulletins, magazines, and periodicals about the internet, as well as holding seminars, in order to achieve the Association's goals and purposes.
15. Participating in Arab and international conferences and seminars whenever they are related to the Association's operations and the activities of its members.
16. Providing the most updated Arab and international technical, economic, commercial information and statistics, pertaining to productions requirements, intermediate materials, and final products.
17. Helping the members with providing them with their needs of technical and administrative cadres, through a process of inter exchange.

2- What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your Organisation's constituents/membership:

As our organization is committed to support the Arab Internet and Telecom providers, so one of our main goal is to cooperate and coordinate with the constitutions that are working and supporting this sector In the world, which will keep us updated with the recent steps that are taken In this field, on the other hand it will be an opportunity to participate and give our opinions about the related Issues that will be discussed and applied by the ICANN.

3- If your Organisation is accredited, will it commit to participating actively in the Regional At-Large Organisation (RALO) for the region in which your Organisation is based?

Indicate Yes or No: **Yes**

4- If your Organisation is accredited, does it or will it agree to adhere to the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the other ALSes in your Geographic Region and ICANN, as if it were an original signer of that document?

Indicate Yes or No: **Yes**

*The texts of the MoUs can be found at:*  
[https://st.icann.org/alac/index.cgi?reference\\_texts](https://st.icann.org/alac/index.cgi?reference_texts)

**Signature**

*Include the name, and title, if applicable, of the individual who is authorized to sign this application and commit your Organisation to comply ALS criteria.*

Signature:  

Name: Feras Bakour

Date: 20/4/2008

Title: Chairman