

Report of Public Comments

Title:	Proposal for Arabic Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules (LGR)
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Section I: General Overview and Next Steps

The Arabic script community has formed the Task Force on Arabic Script IDNs ([TF-AIDN](#)), also acting as the Arabic script Generation Panel (GP), which in turn has developed a Proposal for the Arabic Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules ([Proposal](#) [XML, 29 KB] and [Proposal Documentation](#) [PDF, 2.35 MB]). As per the [LGR Procedure](#) [PDF, 772 KB], this proposal was posted for public comments to allow those who have not participated in the Arabic script GP to make their views known to the Generation Panel so it can finalize the proposal for integration into the Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone. Arabic GP will now submit the final proposal with any changes to reflect the public comments. Following the submission, Integration Panel (IP) will evaluate the final proposal by the Arabic GP. If evaluation by the IP is successful, the Proposal for the Arabic Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules will be integrated into the Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone. Otherwise, the proposal will be sent to the Arabic GP with comments for further consideration and revision.

Section II: Contributors

At the time this report was prepared, a total of [number] (n) community submissions had been posted to the Forum. The contributors, both individuals and organizations/groups, are listed below in chronological order by posting date with initials noted. To the extent that quotations are used in the foregoing narrative (Section III), such citations will reference the contributor's initials.

Organizations and Groups:

Name	Submitted by	Initials
Integration Panel	Asmus Freytag	IP1
Integration Panel	Michel Suignard	IP2
ALAC	ICANN At-Large Staff	ALAC

Individuals:

Name	Affiliation (if provided)	Initials

Section III: Summary of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section is intended to broadly and comprehensively summarize the comments submitted to this Forum, but not to address every specific position stated by each contributor. Staff recommends that readers interested in specific aspects of any of the summarized comments, or the full context of others, refer directly to the specific contributions at the link referenced above (View Comments Submitted).

ICANN thanks the community for sharing their feedback.

ALAC statement appreciates the work done by TF-AIDN and the diversity and expertise of the this task force. It further appreciates the focus of the proposal to address the end-user confusion and the inclusion of analysis of north and Sub-Saharan African languages using the Arabic script, encouraging TF-AIDN to continue its work to support the IDN Program.

IP1 refers to the requirements document available at <https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/43989034/Requirements%20for%20LGR%20Proposals.pdf> and asks for additional test cases of labels which may be typical in applications but are invalid due to whole label evaluation rules. In addition, they request for test labels for each variant set.

IP2 submitted a [detailed report](#) which identifies two code points, U+0697 ﺝ ARABIC LETTER REH WITH TWO DOTS ABOVE and U+0751 ﺒ̣ ARABIC LETTER BEH WITH DOT BELOW AND THREE DOTS ABOVE which require additional evidence for inclusion. The report also asks for making the reference scheme between the XML file and the documentation traceable, to update a few references and delete the unused ones.

Section IV: Analysis of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section is intended to provide an analysis and evaluation of the comments received along with explanations regarding the basis for any recommendations provided within the analysis.

These comments are being submitted to the Arabic Generation Panel for their further consideration and incorporation (as needed) in the final version of the proposal.