



MEETING MINUTES for Saudi Arabia IPv6 Task Force 2nd Meeting

Date of Meeting:	21/Sep/2008
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1. Purpose of Meeting

- Present and discuss the proposed strategy for IPv6 in Saudi Arabia with all task force members
- Discuss the initiatives of the strategy and its details
- Discuss the next steps and expectations from FBPs

2. Attendees

Name	Department./Division	Attended? Y/N
Dr. Ibraheem S. Al-Furaih	CITC/GM Internet Services IT sector	Y
Majed Alamri	CITC/Internet Development Phase II Project Manager	Y
Nasser A. Albakr	CITC	Y
Zyad Alkhwaiter	CITC	Y
Dr. Hadi HMIDA	STC, R&D Senior Research Scientist	Y
Adnan Al-Mosleh	STC, R&D	Y
Khaled Al-Twergi	STC, Director Network Management Systems	Y
Hatem ZamZami	STC, R&D	Y
Bilal Moussa	Devoteam/Senior Consultant	Y
Djamel Adimi	Devoteam/Consulting Manager	Y
Haiyan Alsaiyed	Devoteam/Internet Development Phase II Project Manager	Y
Other FBPs	N/A	N

3. Meeting Agenda

- Recap of Previous Task Force Meeting
- Objective of Meeting
- Previous Studies' Findings
 - IPv6 Current State Assessment
 - IPv6 Countries Benchmark Study
 - IPv6 International Organizations and Bodies
- IPv6 Strategy Development Methodology
- IPv6 Proposed Strategy
 - Objectives
 - Strategy Tracks
 - Milestones & Timeline
- Questions and Discussions
- What is Next?

4. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

- Dr. Ibrahim Al-Furaih (IF) from CITC welcomed the attendees to the 2nd IPv6 Task Force meeting and gave them a brief about the objectives of this meeting as well as its agenda.
- Bilal Moussa (BM) from Devoteam, which is the consulting arm of the IPv6 Task Force, presented the proposed IPv6 strategy and its initiatives. The initiatives of the strategy are grouped into two tracks: Infrastructure Track for all IPv6 technical related initiatives and Awareness Track for all IPv6 awareness and communication related initiatives. The presentation covered the strategy development methodology, the findings of both the conducted assessment and studies which the strategy relies on them including the Current State Assessment, IPv6 Countries Benchmark, and IPv6 International Organizations and Bodies. The proposed initiatives were all discussed in details with the attendees.
- During the presentation, Dr. IF drew the attention of the attendees that it is important at this stage to have only the FBPs and CITC driving and owning the IPv6 strategy. Later on ISPs can join the Task Force when FBPs adopt IPv6 first. ISPs right now are awaiting FBPs to do that.
- Dr. IF drew the attention regarding the filtering initiative that CITC will prepare the filtering access list to be IPv6 ready whereas FBS will own and prepare the content of the filtering to be IPv6 ready.
- Dr. IF said that due to the importance of communication with public, CITC plan to launch a new website for the IPv6 Task Force where all members can host and share the IPv6 related information such as MoM, documents, plans, findings and studies.
- Bilal Moussa (BM) addressed a question raised by Khaled Twergji (KT) from STC regarding costs of an adoption effort of IPv6 in which he referred to the benchmark study research where it was found that costs of actual SW/HW and other infrastructure upgrades are not high nor considerable especially when IPv6 is addressed as part of the organization's normal IT upgrade cycle. Costs could go very high in case an organization makes a sudden last minute migration to IPv6.
- BM addressed a question raised by STC related to IPv6 security in which he highlighted that security guidelines do not differ between IPv4 and IPv6 based networks.
- For the proposed IPv6 Test Lab in the strategy, Yousef Akeel (YA) from STC asked a question whether this Lab is open to the other FBPs to connect. Dr. IF said yes, it is opened. YA mentioned that STC established already a relationship with all universities to fund some R&D initiatives; one of them is IPv6. Dr. IF suggested hosting the IPv6 Test Lab in KSU. STC welcomed the idea.
- The attendees discussed the importance of the proposed milestone of having at least 2 FBPs be IPv6 ready by the end of 2009. The attendees discussed the possibility of using USF for achieving this milestone.
- Haiyan Alsaiyed (HS) from Devoteam mentioned the importance of mandating the IPv6 in all procurement policies in all government agencies and private sectors to create the demand in the market of IPv6. Dr. IF mentioned that CITC plan to discuss this with Yesser (the e-government program in Saudi Arabia) to issue a new policy for this.
- The attendees discussed the next steps expected from FBPs including the national IPv6 event which is expected to be in Jan 2009 where FBPs will be invited to present their experience in IPv6. The attendees discussed the importance of this event to establish the sense of urgency for IPv6. It was agreed that sponsoring, funding, inviting the stakeholders for this event will be discussed in the next meeting with the Task Force members.

5. Action Items <i>(add rows as necessary)</i>			
<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Awaiting STC feedback on the idea of sponsoring the IPv6 in universities and hosting the IPv6 Test Lab in KSU	STC	15/Oct/2008	In progress
Awaiting feedback from all Task Force members on the proposed strategy and its initiatives	All	15/Oct/2008	In progress
CITC to send the proposed agenda for the national IPv6 event expected in Jan 2009	CITC	15/Oct/2008	In progress

6. Next Meeting (no subsequent meeting planned)					
<i>Date:</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>CITC</i>
<i>Agenda:</i>	TBD				