Who supports .ISLAM and .HALAL new gTLDs?

.ISLAM and .HALAL new gTLDs, applied for through Asia Green IT System have received several endorsement letters from different Islamic organizations and famous people around the world, and from different branches of Islam (Shia and Sunni as the main branches).

AGiT as the Muslim company applying for .ISLAM and .HALAL gTLDs, has an ongoing task to promote .ISLAM and .HALAL new gTLDs to the Muslim community to receive new supporting letters.

As a strategic approach, AGiT is trying to make International Islamic organizations like Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), or Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) to be involved in the governance of .ISLAM and major Halal certification bodies to be involved in .HALAL policy making. Although it is hard to contact such huge organizations (OIC is the second largest international organization after UN), and very hard to explain the concept of TLD in their managerial positions (since most of high level managers in these organizations forward our letters to lower technical staff considering them as less important.
and more technical cases), but eventually we found the correct entities to sponsor .ISLAM and .HALAL gTLDs in terms of making decisions and policy making. After many meetings we have recently been succeeded in getting Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center (ICRIC)'s supporting letter for .ISLAM. Earlier we have also been succeeded in involving HALALWORLD, the only HALAL certification body which is accepted by all Islamic countries. (There are many Halal certification bodies around the world but all of them are supported by one or few countries. HALALWORLD is OIC’s Halal certification standard project which is accepted by all Islamic countries)

Since getting the supporting letter, our decisions with them has improved in principle agreement of ICRIC-OIC to become a partner in the project and take a leadership role beyond support.

In particular they could act as a potential sponsoring organization. We currently are working out the formalities of such relationship.

Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center (ICRIC) in association with the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) which is under the umbrella of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC) was established in 2003. ICRIC has a Board of directors consisting of 9 members from Malaysia, Jordan, Iran and Egypt plus Secretary General of ICCI and acts within the framework of its articles of association approved by the Islamic Chamber and with regard to 16 strategic principles included in its mandate for elevation of trade and economic ties among Islamic Countries.

AGiT has also recently started to open the opportunity to Muslim people to express their interest in .ISLAM and .HALAL gTLDs through online social media like Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/DotIslam and https://www.facebook.com/GotHalal) with thousands of fans.
List of .ISLAM and .HALAL gTLD supporters¹:
(updated on June 2, 2013)

1. Major Organizations / Associations / Leaders representing Muslim populations:

1.1. Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center (ICRIC) (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

ICRIC is a subsidiary of Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) which is under the umbrella of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)², the 2nd largest international organization after UN with 57 Islamic member countries. ICRIC is responsible for research and information activities of ICCI and operates some of OIC and ICCI’s projects. OIC has created ICCI in line with the goal of development for all Islamic communities, and its continuous consideration on the promotion of commercial and economic relations among its Member States to achieve the goal of sustainable and comprehensive development. ICRIC acts as the research and development wing of ICCI in terms of new ideas and technologies, so when contacting OIC’s different sections, we were forwarded to ICRIC as the most relevant subsidiary of OIC and ICCI.

After several meetings with the general secretariat of ICRIC, we finally got their support of .ISLAM new gTLD, but we still have more negotiations to establish a formal cooperation in the governance of .ISLAM (maybe as one of their projects).


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1.2. Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad (ISLAM)

The former president of Malaysia and the man who moved Malaysia to an advanced country. He is with no doubt the most popular figure in Malaysia and many other countries. Dr. Mahathir was one of the first who supported us and his support has brought a great credit for AGIT, because everybody knows that he will not support a non-eligible entity to hold the sensitive TLD of ISLAM.

Malaysia has a 17 million Muslim population\(^3\) and we believe Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad is the best representative of this community.


1.3. The Management Center for Islamic Schools of Thought (ISLAM and HALAL)

The management center for Twelver or Imami Shia Schools of thought (Hawza’s) in Turkey, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, India, Bahrain, Syria, Lebanon etc... operate under this center’s supervision. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawza](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawza) and [http://www.nationmaster.com/graph/rel_isl_shi-religion-islam-shia](http://www.nationmaster.com/graph/rel_isl_shi-religion-islam-shia)

Shia’s population is around 200 Million\(^5\). 85% of them (170 Million) are Twelver or Imami Shia’s. All Imami Shi’a’s follow the thoughts of religious leaders which are trained in schools of thoughts in different countries under the supervision of this center. This center is the main training management system of Shia schools in terms of religious content and can be counted as the representative of 170 million Twelver or Imami Shia’s around the world.

Making them attracted to support ISLAM was hard and time consuming process, following their deep investigations on the eligibility of AGIT to operate ISLAM TLD.


1.4. The World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought (ISLAM and HALAL)

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The World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought is a multi cultural organization that several hundreds of Islamic leaders (both Shia and Sunni) cooperate with, in its consideration about creation of peace and proximity between different Islamic sects.

The forum holds the “Islamic Unity Conference” each year with participants from around the world, including mostly religious leaders of different Sects of Islam. The followers of these leaders are Muslims from all sects of Islam all around the world.


1.5. HALAL WORLD Center (.HALAL)

Halal Research& Development Center (HALAL WORLD) is the unified Halal standard and certification project of Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center (ICRIC). ICRC operates under Islamic Chamber of Commerce and affiliated with OIC.


1.6. Islamic Shiite High Council, Lebanon (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

One of the highest level Islamic centers in Lebanon: http://www.shiitecouncil.gov.lb/ and http://www.shiitecouncil.org/

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1.7. Islamic Center Hamburg, Germany (.ISLAM)

Germany has the largest Muslim population in Western Europe after France. Approximately 3 to 3.5 million Muslims live in Germany, and 80% of them do not have German citizenship: 608,000 are German citizens. 70% of the Muslim population is of Turkish origin. (http://www.euro-islam.info/country-profiles/germany/)

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The Islamic Centre Hamburg (German: Islamisches Zentrum Hamburg) is one of the oldest Shia mosques in Germany and Europe.

Established in Hamburg, in northern Germany, in the late 1950s by a group of Hamburg-based emigrants and business people it rapidly developed into one of the leading Shia centers in the Western world.

Muslim groups of different nationalities get together for regular meetings, prayers, lectures, seminars, readings, Islamic festivals, funerals, etc. For interested people there is always opportunity to learn Arabic. Under Islamic rules, marriages are implemented. There are experienced theologians dedicated to help people who have psychological or family problems as well as those who have been newly converted to Islam. The Islamic Centre is regularly visited by schools, church communities and other interested groups from Hamburg and the nearby towns. Lots of organizations, lectures and discussions have been held to get rid of prejudices about Islam and to develop a better understanding of Islam. Our centre and Mosque may be visited at appropriate times.

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1.8. The ECO cultural institute (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

ECO Cultural Institute is one of the specialized agencies under the Economic Corporation Organization (ECO), an intergovernmental organization consisting of Islamic State of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan Republic, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Turkey, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan. Among ECO member states, 9 out of 10 are members of OIC. ECO Cultural Institute has supported .ISLAM as a subsidiary of the Economic Corporation Organization (ECO) which is most likely related to governmental attitudes of its member states.


1.9. Association AlGhadir Islamique, France (.ISLAM)
A Shia Islamic training institute in France (with 350,000 Shia’s out of 5 million Muslims)

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1.10. Centro Islamico No Brasil (.ISLAM)

The main Islamic organizations in Brazil (Muslim population of around 900,000) (http://www.nationmaster.com/graph/rel_isl_num_of_mus-religion-islam-number-of-muslim)

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1.11. Islamic Institution Arresalla, Brazil (.ISLAM)

An Islamic institute offering cultural, religious services to a large group of Muslim community in Brazil.

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1.12. Association Culturelle Musulmane de Roissy en Brie, France (.ISLAM)


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1.13. Muslim Religious Community, Belarus (.ISLAM)

The main organization of Muslims in Belarus (total Muslim population: 51,000)

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2. Islamic Institutes / Associations / NGOs in Muslim Countries:

2.1. Islamic United Council, *Pakistan (.ISLAM)*

One of the main Islamic Societies in Pakistan.


2.2. Daawa Islamic University, *Lebanon (.ISLAM and .HALAL)*


2.3. Aras Justice, Freedom and Solidarity Association, *Turkey (.HALAL)*

Established in 2012 in Istanbul, As a Non-government and non-profit organization, Aras’s mission is to support victims and protect their rights and help them to solve their problems. And creating public awareness in order to uphold political freedom and prevent inhumane conduct.

For this reason, Aras organizes panels, Symposiums and conferences in Turkey and Azerbaijan. Aras is kept public informed through the release of periodicals, press releases. Aras makes use of the internet, as well as radio and TV broadcasts preparing, organizing contests, demonstrations, dinners and evening performances.

Apart from these, Aras finances scholarships for poor student and opens the student dormitory.

2.4. Islamic Academy, Germany (ISLAM)

One of the oldest and most well-known Islamic educational centers in Germany with over 50 years of activity. Many Islam fans are trained in this center.

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2.5. Scientific Council Association for Arabic Language, Lebanon (ISLAM and HALAL)

Global institution dealing with cultural scientific interest in Arabic to preserves its integrity, seeking to promote classical Arabic, promoting its beauty and ability to absorb modern scientific terminology, to raise and defend it in the face of contemporary challenges, and the conspiracies being hatched against it. It is licensed under the Lebanese law based on the approval of the Council of Ministers on 12/30/2005 under No. 370, and includes a selection of the world's scientists.


2.6. Beyan Cultural Center, Turkey (ISLAM and HALAL)

Beyan started its activities in 2012 in Istanbul. The main object of the Beyan Cultural Center is to provide better understanding of Islam for Muslims and non-Muslims in Turkey. Therefore, they organize such activities as conference, symposium, and meetings.


2.7. Harekat-el-Omma Association, Lebanon (ISLAM and HALAL)

Lebanese Islamic Association: http://alomma-lb.org/

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2.8. Kudus-Der, Turkey (ISLAM)

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Founded in 2012, the association's headquarters in Istanbul. The association was founded to help the Palestinian people.

Kudüs Der assistance not only humanitarian aid but also inform Turkish public about Palestinian issue by organizing media conferences, meetings in Turkey.


2.9. Halal Supreme Council, *Iran (.HALAL)*


2.10. Fatih Akincilar Social and Cultural Association, *Turkey (.ISLAM and .HALAL)*

Akincilar social solidarity and cultural association was founded in the 1970s in Istanbul district Fatih.

Akincilar aims to meet the needs of those who are suffering poverty or hunger.

Social Aid: food aid and organizations during the Ramadan fast-breaking dinner, Qurban programs.

Educational Aid: delivering school bags, educational sets, and supplementary materials to needy students.

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2.11. Association of Development, Promotion, Production and Trade of Halal Products, *Iran (.HALAL)*


2.12. Diplomatic Correspondents Association, *Pakistan (.ISLAM)*

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The association of Diplomatic Journalists of Pakistan, with thousands of members, all active in the media in Pakistan

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2.13. **Peoples Youth Organization, Pakistan (.ISLAM)**

A famous civil socia Islamic organization, very active in Islamic cultural activities in Pakistan.

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2.14. **The Danish-Palestinian Friendship Association, Denmark (.ISLAM)**

An NGO active in Humanity helps to Palestinians

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2.15. **Brasil Halal Foods, Brazil (.ISLAM and .HALAL)**

The main institute in Brazil working as a certification body for Halal foods (Foods certifying Islamic criteria on religious approved foods and drinks) (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halal)

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2.16. **Halal Export Consortium, Iran (.HALAL)**


2.17. **Baheth Center for Palestinian Studies, Lebanon (.ISLAM and .HALAL)**

An Islamic Educational institute for Palestinian Strategic Studies: http://www.bahethcenter.net
2.18. Iran-Tajikistan Friendship Association, *Iran-Tajikistan (ISLAM and HALAL)*

A multinational NGO working on cultural activities to tighten the relationships of Farsi-Speaking Muslims in Iran and Tajikistan.


2.19. Ehlibeyt Alimleri Dernegi / Ehla Der, *Turkey (ISLAM and HALAL)*

Ehlibeyt Alimleri Derneği (Association of Ahlulbayt Scholars) was founded in May 31, 2011 in Istanbul.

The short name is Ehla-Der and the Head Office is in Yenibosna - Istanbul. Currently, 18 people work in Headquarters Building. There are 190 Ahlulbayt Scholar members of the association who work in different cities in Turkey.

The purpose of Ehla-Der is contributed to the spread of social unity and brotherhood in the country. And provide correct information about Ahlulbayt.

Ehla-Der organizes cultural and social activities throughout Turkey.


2.20. Dar El Feta El Jafari, *Lebanon (ISLAM and HALAL)*

An Islamic Shia religious educational center in Lebanon


3. Newspapers / Media / Publications:

3.1. Medyam 14 Radio TV, *Turkey (ISLAM and HALAL)*

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Medya On4 Radyo Televizyon Yayincilik A.S is the owner of On4 TV; On4 TV is a nation-wide television channel in Turkey. The channel was established by the Turkish businessmen in 2012.

On4 TV delivers the latest breaking news and information on the latest top stories, weather, business, entertainment, politics, and more.

Headquarters is located in Istanbul and more than 100 journalists, reporters etc. work in it.


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3.2. KUDUS TV, Turkey (ISLAM and HALAL)

One of the leading Islamic TV channels in Turkey: http://www.kudustv.com/

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3.3. Kevser Basin Yayin Organization, Turkey (ISLAM and HALAL)

Kevser Basin Yayincilik (Kevser Press Publishing) has about 200 branches and distribution networks throughout Turkey and 10 distribution networks abroad. Headquarters is located in Istanbul Asaray and one of the leading Press publishing companies in Turkey.


3.4. Aden Live TV, Yemen (ISLAM and HALAL)

Yemen’s Islamic TV Channel: http://www.adenlivetv.tv/

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3.5. Al Ahed News, Lebanon (ISLAM and HALAL)

Lebanese Islamic News Agency: http://alahednews.com.lb


3.6. Athabat Satellite TV, Lebanon (ISLAM and HALAL)

Daily newspaper / Media in Pakistan

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3.7. Al-Sahat Satellite TV, Yemen (ISLAM and HALAL)

Islamic Satellite Radio and TV channel in Yemen: http://www.al-sahat.tv/


3.8. Daily Nijat, Pakistan (ISLAM)

Daily newspaper / Media in Pakistan

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3.9. Al Bilad Magazine, Lebanon (ISLAM and HALAL)

Islamic Cultural monthly magazine in Lebanon

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3.10. Daily Spokesman, Pakistan (ISLAM)

Daily newspaper / Media in Pakistan

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3.11. Daily Wisdom, Pakistan (.ISLAM)

Daily newspaper / Media in Pakistan


3.12. Palestine Today Radio TV, Lebanon (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

Islamic Satellite Radio and TV channel in Lebanon


3.13. Ath-Thabat Daily, Lebanon (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

Daily newspaper / Media in Lebanon


News agency in Lebanon


3.15. Islamic Unity Magazine (Wahda Islamiya), Lebanon (.ISLAM and .HALAL)

The Lebanese Islamic organization’s magazine on the unity of Islam Branches: http://wahdaislamvia.org/


3.16. Mr. Malik Abdul Qayum Khan, Pakistan (.ISLAM)

Contact Information Redacted
Daily newspaper / Media in Pakistan

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### 3.17. Haqooq Ul Awam, *Pakistan (ISLAM)*

Daily newspaper / Media in Pakistan

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### 3.18. Page International, *Pakistan (ISLAM)*

Daily newspaper / Media in Pakistan


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### 4. Famous Muslim Researchers / Academic people:

#### 4.1. Mr. Nureddin Sirin, *Turkey (ISLAM)*

Well-known journalist by Islamic circles in Turkey. He was born in Trabzon and knows English, Arabic and Persian.

He has worked as a journalist with different News Papers and Magazines till 1997. In 1997 military memorandum he was arrested and sentenced to a prison term of 17.5 years, in the prison Type-F of Kandira. He released in 2004. During that time his name has become a symbol for victims.

He currently works for Kudüs TV.


#### 4.2. Dr. Pere Michel Lelong, *France (ISLAM)*

Contact Information Redacted
Famous Islamologist in France with lots of researches and publishing.


4.3. Dr. Majid Tafreshi, UK (ISLAM and HALAL)

University Professor and history Researcher, and the manager of a cultural publishing institute.

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