



MEETING MINUTES for Saudi Arabia IPv6 Task Force 5th Meeting

Date of Meeting:	Sunday, 15/Mar/2009
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1. Purpose of Meeting

- Present a vendor's point of view and case studies on IPv6 (Juniper)
- Review and discuss the progress of the IPv6 Strategy for Saudi Arabia
- Discuss the next meeting requirements

2. Attendees

Saudi Telecom Company (STCT), Executive Club

Name	Company	Name	Company
Rayed Alrashed	CITC	Hijer Alharbi	STC
Raed Alfayez	CITC	Mohammed Almullais	STC
Haitham Alsaqer	CITC	Hani Almansour	Mobily
Ziad Alkhwaiter	CITC	Ebrahim Khalil	Atheeb
Khaled Altwergi	STC	Ibrahim Alateeq	Yesser
Saeed Al-Qahtani	STC	Sakher Najdawi	Juniper
Yaseen Bawazeer	STC	Haiyan Alsaiyed	Devoteam
Hussein Alnajrani	STC	Saleh Yousef	BTC
Yousef Alakeel	STC	Mostafa Kamel	BTC
Ashraf Sattar	STC		
Saleh Almofleh	STC		
Ayman Al Mogherah	STC		

3. Meeting Agenda

- 09:00 (5 Minutes) STC welcoming speech (Saeed Mohammed Al-Qahtani, STC)
- 09:05 (5 Minutes) CITC welcoming speech (Rayed Alrashed, CITC)
- 09:10 (1 Hour) IPv6 Readiness for Service Providers (Sakher Najdawi, Juniper Networks)
- 10:10 (20 minutes) break
- 10:30 (30 Minutes) Review and discuss the progress of the IPv6 Strategy (Rayed Alrashed, CITC)

4. Meeting Notes, Decisions and Issues

- Mr. Saeed Al-Qahtani (SQ) from STC welcomed the attendees and delivered an overall introduction about the importance of adopting IPv6 for STC and the country as well. He gave also the attendees a brief about the steps undertaken by STC for adopting IPv6 which include conducting awareness sessions and establishing an IPv6 team for driving the initiative inside STC.
- Rayed AlRashed (RR) from CITC welcomed the attendees to the 5th IPv6 Task Force meeting and gave a brief about the meeting objectives and its agenda.
- Sakher Najdawi (SN) from Juniper presented Juniper's view to the possible scenarios for adopting IPv6 in telecom companies in his presentation "IPv6 Readiness for Service Providers".
- Yousef Akeel (YA) raised a question on whether the Saudi standards and quality organization (SASO) can mandate the IPv6 to drive the future procurements in this regard at the national level.
- RR said that the CITC has arranged already with Yesser (the national e-government program) to ensure that all government agencies will mandate their future ICT procurements to be IPv6 capable. He said also that all standardization bodies push for creating new services adopting IPv6.
- SQ commented that the drivers for IPv6 from the customer's side are the emerging and future applications whereas the driver from the service provider side's is the IPv4 exhaustion.
- SN drew the attendees' attention to the importance of acquiring the licenses required to enable the IPv6 features in Juniper components to avoid any problems that might arise during the support cycle for these components.
- Khaled Altwerghi (KT) from STC raised a question on the security of IPv6 whether it is mature and tested like IPv4. SN said that this concern is valid as the administrator of IPv6/IPv4 networks has to handle two rules in dual stakes, which means more complexity in the network management in general.
- SN mentioned in his presentation that in all cases the core network will not be updated to adopt IPv6.
- After the break, RR from CITC reminded the audience about the importance of meeting the deadlines and milestones mentioned in the strategy. He then asked the members if they have any update from their side.
- KACST members said that the internal ISU network in KACST now runs based on native IPv6. Users from outside ISU access the network through dual stack. Public services are still based on IPv4 only.
- STC member said that STC established the connectivity with CITC IPv6 lab, conducted awareness sessions on the importance of IPv6, mandated the IPv6 procurements, and established a team for the transition.
- At the end of the strategy review session, RR encouraged the members to create the demand in the market for IPv6 by sending letters to their vendors and publishing papers about the IPv6 topic in general. He reminded the members also to the importance of acquiring more IPv4 addresses prior to the exhaustion and to publish their IPv6 services as soon as possible.
- RR encouraged also the members to attend upcoming MENOQ workshop in April as it includes IPv6 training sessions.
- RR mentioned that it is the right time now for the Task Force to extend its members to include the private sectors and the ISPs as well. He suggested also having the next Task Force meeting in 17th of May.
- Hani Almansour (HM) said that Mobily is interested in sponsoring the next Task Force meeting in its premises and he confirmed the date of the meeting.

5. Action Items *(add rows as necessary)*

<i>Action</i>	<i>Assigned to</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Awaiting actions from all Task Force members on the developed strategy and its initiatives	All	Prior to the next Task Force Meeting
CITC to publish the minutes on the IPv6 website and to invite a selected new members from the private sector and the ISPs to join the Task Force	CITC	Prior to the next Task Force Meeting

6. Next Meeting (agenda, location and date will be confirmed)

Date:	17th of May 2009	Time:	TBD	Location:	Mobily
Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Technical Presentations○ FBPs to present 5 minutes updates on their IPv6 activities○ Discussions – Q&A				