

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Promotion of Internet Coordination Activities

Between

Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC)

And

American University of Beirut (AUB)

Whereas the RIPE NCC is a non-for-profit association established in the Netherlands and has as an objective to perform coordination activities for the support of the stable operation of the Internet;

Whereas the American University of Beirut (AUB) is an institution of higher learning chartered by the Education Department of the State of New York in the United States of America and duly recognized by the Ministry of Education in Lebanon and operating in Beirut, Lebanon, and represented for the purpose of this agreement by Dr. Yousif Asfour, founded to provide excellence in education, to participate in the advancement of knowledge through research, and to serve the peoples of the Middle East and beyond

The undersigned RIPE NCC and AUB (collectively referred to as “Parties”) wish to commit to an on-going collaboration for the promotion of Internet coordination activities for stable Internet operations in the Middle East region.

For the purposes of this collaboration:

- 1) The Parties will cooperate on Internet development, including organising and hosting relevant training courses, meetings, conferences and IPv6 Roadshows.
- 2) The Parties will promote RIPE Meetings, initiatives and projects to the local, regional and Arab Internet community so that the latter takes part and benefits from it.
- 3) The Parties will promote RIPE Atlas in order to provide more Internet analytical tools and data for local, regional and global communities.
- 4) The Parties will promote the RIPE Academic Cooperation Initiative (RACI) as a means to bring more students and researchers into contact with the RIPE community via RIPE Meetings and other events.

The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that this MoU is non-binding and does not create any obligations under law.

The MoU shall enter into force when signed by the Parties and shall run until 22 October 2018. After this date, the MoU shall be automatically extended by one

year at a time, unless one of the parties gives notice to the other party at least six months before the scheduled termination date, of its intention not to extend the MoU. Such notice must be given by means of a written notice sent to the other party.

The MoU may be amended upon agreement by both parties at any time.

AUB

RIPE NCC

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