

Minutes of Meeting

MEAC-SWG Call 12 – Wednesday 26 October 2016

The twelfth call for the MEAC-SWG took place on Wednesday 26 October 2016 at 10.30 – 11.30 AM UTC. The call had 10 members and observers of the MEAC-SWG, and 3 ICANN staff members.

On the Call we had Walid Al-Saqaf (Chair), Hamza Ben Mehrez (Vice Chair), Abdelhamid Al Abbadi, Hadia Elminiawi, Houda Belkassem, Nadira Alaraj, Chokri Ben Romdhane, Michael Oghia, Manal Ismail, and Jim Quirk. And from ICANN Staff, we had Baher Esmat, Milena Timurcuoglu, and Fahd Batayneh.

The agenda for the call covered the following topics:

- Progress Update;
- Strategy Document and Public Comments Period;
- Updates on the Timelines;
- ICANN 57 Preparations and Dinner; and
- AoB

Progress Update

The draft strategy document is in its final stages of being completed. After that, it goes out for public comments for 21 days. We are progressing as scheduled, and expect to conclude our work before the end of the year.

Strategy Document

The strategy document is scheduled to go out for public comments on 27 October at 00.00 UTC ¹. Anyone can make comments to the strategy document. SWG members are strongly encouraged to share and encourage their relevant network of contacts to make their comments heard.

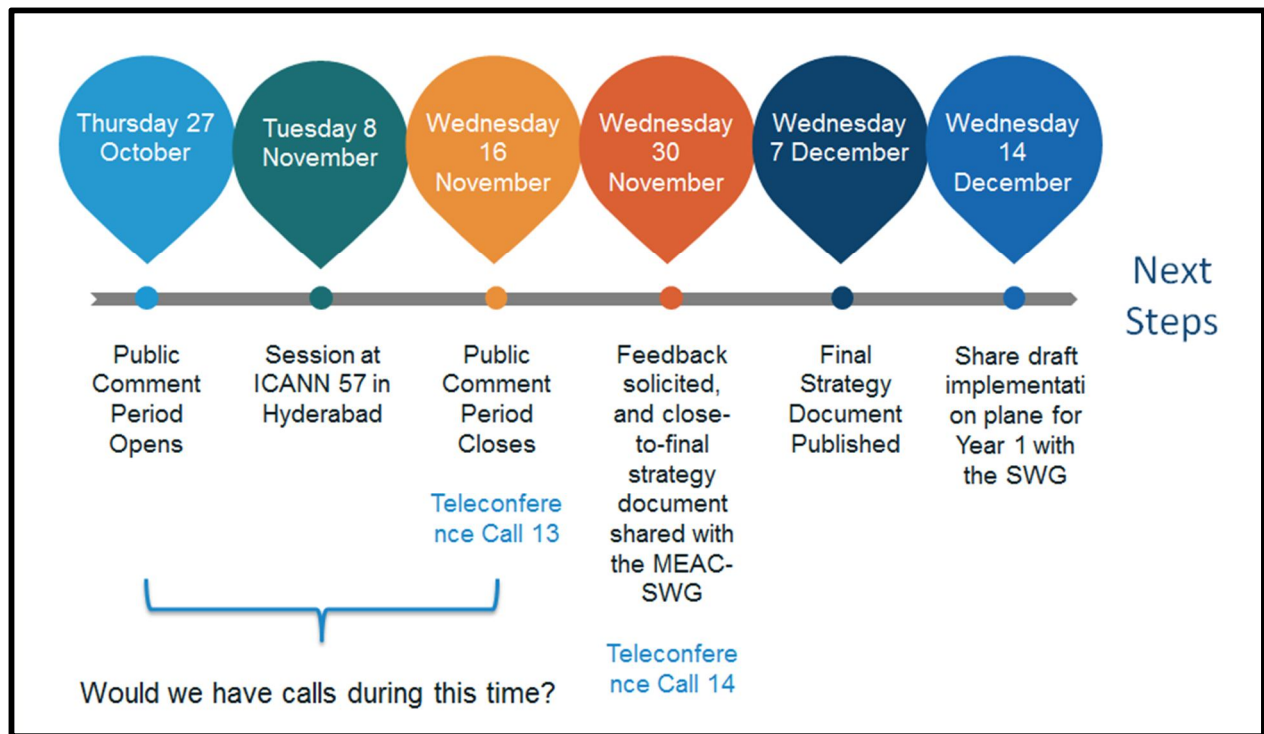
The public comment page will appear at <https://www.icann.org/public-comments#open-public>, and anyone can share comments by sending them to an email ID to be mentioned in the public comment announcement. There will also be a Communications push via different ICANN Social Media platforms.

Once the public comment period closes, ICANN Staff will solicit all feedback received into one document, and will share it with the SWG members. At the same time, ICANN Staff will work with the Chair on incorporating the comments into the strategy document where relevant and possible.

Updates on the Timelines

The following timeline was shared:

¹ This later had to be pushed back by 24 hours due to inability to finalize the draft strategy document on time.



The next gathering for the group would be at the public session at ICANN 57 in Hyderabad on Tuesday 8 November. Those unable to attend in-person can do so remotely.

ICANN 57 Preparations

There have been no changes to the date and time of the strategy update session at ICANN 57 in Hyderabad. The session has remote participation facilities, and Arabic/English/French live-interpretation is available.

The group is invited to a dinner on Sunday 6 November at 19.30. Location is yet to be decided. Those interested in attending and have not RSVPed yet are encouraged to do so at the earliest.

Any Other Business

There were discussions on the metrics in terms of what can be measured and what cannot, what needs merging, and what needs expansion. Several suggestions were made that will be incorporated into the document.

There was also a note on the inconsistency in some of the names of stakeholders used, and so ICANN Staff promised to unify this across the document.

There were discussions on further cooperation and collaboration with the other Internet organizations, and this was noted to be reflected in the strategy document.

The call was adjourned.