

2021-2025 MEAC Strategy Working Group

Minutes of Meeting – Call 17 | Monday 4 May 2020

The 2021-2025 MEAC-SWG had their seventeenth teleconference call on Monday 4 May 2020 at 11.00 UTC.

On the call, we had *Rafik Dammak*, *Hadia Elminiawi*, *Abdullah Cemil* and *Wafa Dahmani*. And from ICANN staff, the call had *Baher Esmat*, *Seher Sagiroglu*, and *Fahd Batayneh*. We had a noted apologize from *Zakir Ben Rehman*.

The purpose of the call was to discuss the first cut of the final regional plan document which had relevant public comments incorporated.

Fahd B from ICANN went through the different sections in the regional plan document. His focus was on section '3' on "The Regional Plan" which is the crux of the document. He noted where some of the amendments took place.

Hadia E asked about the meaning of "external stakeholders". Fahd B suggested to take an action here either by clarifying it, or by simplifying it by just removing the term "external".

Hadia E suggested to consider the addition of the DNS-EC under FA1 on Security; either under Targeted Outcomes or Proposed Actions. Fahd B suggested that the DNS-EC was seen as best fit under FA3 on Unique Identifier Systems, but nevertheless Hadia is more than welcome to suggest relevant text.

Hadia E asked about the meaning of "DNS Hygiene" to which Fahd B responded that it is a term used internally at ICANN when ICANN provides advise on how to deal with DNS related attacks.

There was a discussion about "standards and protocols" to which Fahd B and Baher E shared examples of the different standards and protocols that ICANN work on or keep an eye to (e.g. LGR tables for IDNs, UA work, DoT/DoH, RDAP...) and that ICANN has different action items for each. This is why this item was left open ended, and is best detailed in the annual action plans.

The note on "Finances" had some ambiguity to it, and so was suggested that ICANN Staff revisit the text and re-word it.

Rafik D suggested to mention the regional plan document the public comments, the work both ICANN Staff and the SWG undertook on the comments, and the ICANN Staff report that showed the comments and the analysis related to each.

As next steps;

- Consider the points made during the call in the final regional plan document and send it out to the SWG this week
- Give the SWG 1 week to share any final comments or remarks before marking the document final, but no later than 15 May
- Start work on the Year 1 Action Plan and have it ready by 30 June 2020. Once the draft Year 1 Action Plan is ready, we may consider having a public-facing webinar to seek feedback, if any, from the regional community

Those on the call agreed not to have a call next Monday.

The call was adjourned.

Follow-Up Items

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2. Give the SWG 1 week to share any final comments before marking the document final, but no later than 15 May