

## 2021-2025 MEAC Strategy Working Group

Minutes of Meeting – Call 18 | Monday 15 June 2020

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The 2021-2025 MEAC-SWG had their eighteenth (18) teleconference call on Monday 15 June 2020 at 11.00 UTC.

On the call, we had *Rafik Dammak*, *Hadia Elminiawi*, *Baha Toman*, and *Zakir Syed*. And from ICANN staff, the call had *Baher Esmat*, *Seher Sagiroglu*, and *Fahd Batayneh*.

The purpose of the call was to discuss the draft FY21 Action Plan.

Rafik D welcomed attendees to the call. He then handed over the floor to ICANN Staff to go through the draft FY21 Action Plan. Baher E took lead.

Baher E went through the draft FY21 Action Plan. He covered the Activities under each Action, along with expected Outcomes and expected Metrics.

Hadia M suggested including the DNS-EC in the Technical Capacity Development Survey by listing the survey; in one form or another, under the DNS-EC under focus area 3. Baher E suggested that the objective of this survey was to understand the technical capacity development needs of the community, and that we intend to share the results we receive with the wider community.

Rafik D asked about why are we targeting some ICANN Constituencies in our engagements while not targeting others. Baher E explained that we are open to include others. Rafik D suggested that he will touch base with the NCSG and NCUC and get back to us with any proposed engagement activities and action items.

There was a question about ICANN Learn courses offered in languages other than English. Fahd B responded that while the default language of courses offered is English, offering some courses in other languages depends on the topic, or on the availability of demand to have that course in a subset of other languages; i.e. UN languages.

Rafik D asked about SubPro and the reason for listing only this subset of activities to which Baher E responded that these activities were listed based on the timelines shared with us internally. Rafik D stated that these timelines might have changed, and that he will explore with the SubPro WG and get back to us.

Baher E spoke about the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the ME DNS Forum, and that we are open to the possibility of holding the forum remotely if there is buy-in from the community. We will explore this idea soon with the community.

Hadia M spoke about the 2015 Middle East DNS Study where she was unable to find any mention in the 2015 study on market growth rates, registration numbers, dollar value of the current industry... and so on. She suggested that such items would be of value for the region. Baher E responded that for FY21, we intend to explore the 2015 study, and then we can decide on how to proceed.

It was agreed to provide the MEAC-SWG more time until Thursday 18 June to share any feedback they may have on the FY21 Action Plan. ICANN Staff will then have to run the Action Plan internally for linguistic review, and have it ready and final hopefully before 30 June 2020. After that, ICANN Staff intend to release a blog showcasing the New Regional Plan as well as the FY21 Action Plan.

The call was adjourned.

### **Follow-Up Items**

1. ICANN Staff to follow-up with Rafik D on SubPro Timelines, and on NCSG and NCUC Engagements
2. ICANN Staff to touch base with the DNS-EC on any amendments they'd like to see under the activities related to the DNS-EC
3. ICANN Staff to check internally on translating ICANN Learn courses and the process