

2021-2025 MEAC Strategy Working Group

Minutes of Meeting – Call 3 | Monday 11 November 2019

The 2021-2025 MEAC-SWG had their third teleconference call on Monday 11 November at 11.00 UTC.

On the call, we had *Chokri Ben Romdhane, Hanan Alkhatib, Baha Toman, Fahad Khan, Pooya Teimoory, Zakir Ben Rahman, Salam Yamout, and Rafik Dammak*. And from ICANN staff, the call had *Baher Esmat* and *Fahd Batayneh*.

The agenda for the call was to cover two main topics: 1) The Strategy Charter, and 2) The Focus Areas for the New Strategy.

Strategy Charter

Fahd B shared an update on the updated Charter document.

- The SWG agreed to name the SWG by **MEAC Strategy Working Group**. This was reflected in the Charter, and on the SWG online space at <https://community.icann.org/display/MES/2021-2025+MEAC+Strategy>
- The SWG agreed to have a term of 5 years to go in line with ICANN's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. The new strategy starts on 1 July 2020 and concludes on 30 June 2025
- The SWG agreed to have 1 Chair and 1 Vice Chair. At the time of the call, 2 nominations were made for Chair (Rafik D and Fouad B), and another 2 nominations for Vice-Chair (Hadia M and Fahad K). Since both positions are contested, ICANN staff will facilitate an elections poll via Google Forms for SWG members to cast their votes. The form will remain open for 1 week hoping that at the next call, we have a seated Chair and Vice-Chair
- The SWG agreed to allow "members" and "observers" to join the SWG. Fahd B explained what each entail. The SWG also suggested to leave the SWG open for new membership, and that it is limited to post ICANN public meetings. It was also emphasized that new members/observers cannot hinder current work or re-visit past concluded and agreed-upon work. This all will be reflected in the charter

Fahd B also suggested that since both the current running strategy and the new strategy have the same name, we will use the name "**2021-2025 MEAC Strategy**" for the new strategy until the current running strategy concludes on 30 June 2020.

After the call, ICANN Staff will share an amended Charter with the SWG.

Focus Areas for the New Strategy

Baher E went through the 5 focus areas of ICANN's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. These are:

1. Security
2. ICANN's Governance
3. Unique Identifiers Systems
4. Geopolitics

5. Financials

Under each, three questions were asked:

- *What are the trends?*
- *What are the challenges / threats?*
- *What are the opportunities / suggested actions?*

Examples were shared under each to drive the discussions.

Baher E also suggested that if the SWG has other focus areas to suggest beyond the 5 above, they are welcome to do so. Fahd B emphasized that whatever new focus area is suggested, it should remain within ICANN's mandate/remit.

Those on the call asked about the mechanism to share input on the above 5 focus areas. Baher E suggested circulating a Google Docs excel sheet to SWG members to share their input.

Any Other Business (AoB)

The next call for the SWG will be on Monday 18 November at 11.00 – 12.00 UTC.

The call was adjourned.

Follow-Up Items

1. Share an updated charter with the SWG
2. Share a Google Docs Excel sheet with the SWG