

2021-2025 MEAC Strategy Working Group

Minutes of Meeting – Call 4 | Monday 25 November 2019

The 2021-2025 MEAC-SWG had their fourth teleconference call on Monday 25 November at 11.00 UTC.

On the call, we had *Rafik Dammak, Hadia Elminiawi, Hanan Alkhatib, Fahad Khan, Noha Abdulbaki, and Waddah Almoghalis*. And from ICANN staff, the call had *Baher Esmat and Fahd Batayneh*.

The agenda for the call was mainly to cover the excel sheet that lists the trends, threats, opportunities, and current programs/initiatives. The sheet can be found here >> https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13_7jw2oKM2E_c8urg_KjA271X7p3StpB8E_WJFZQ/edit#gid=1605089188.

Strategy Charter

Baher E welcomed attendees to the call, and updated them that the final version of the charter has been posted online at <https://community.icann.org/display/MES/2021-2025+MEAC+Strategy>.

Focus Areas for the New Strategy

The Chair went over the input shared in the excel sheet at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13_7jw2oKM2E_c8urg_KjA271X7p3StpB8E_WJFZQ/edit#gid=1104874273.

Focus Area 1 – Security

The input shared was quite valuable. There was a suggestion by the chair to list the current set of workshops offered by ICANN in this regard, and try to identify areas of possible gaps and try to address them.

It was also suggested to conduct some technical studies specific to the region on security trends and attacks.

Fahd B shared that ICANN started to conduct seminars around the threat landscape of the DNS. We held a series of seminars back in late September where we visited Cairo, Amman, and Ankara. We intend to do more of such.

ICANN's Office of the CTO (OCTO) team are looking into NOGs worldwide to attend and share their work.

Fahd B also pointed to some of the technical reports that were recently published by OCTO. OCTO intends to publish more such reports in the near future.

There was some input shared by Hadia M, and she was asked to elaborate. She will elaborate further over the mailing list.

Focus Area 2 – Governance

In this focus area, there was a suggestion to “alternate between governance models”. More emphasize from the author is needed as to how to execute this, if any.

There was some input shared by Hadia M, and she was asked to elaborate. She will elaborate further over the mailing list.

It was also suggested to list down recommendations for this area focus on how to improve effectiveness of SWG work and regional strategy.

As we ran out of time, it was agreed to continue to input the document, and at the same time revisit some of the input in the document. Items that need elaboration will be actioned by the respective author.

Any Other Business (AoB)

Hanan K suggested that she was not sure where to start from in getting herself better acquainted with the work of the strategy. We suggested to share with her a previous email that contains information on ICANN’s 2021-2025 Strategic plan, in addition to the previous 2 strategies.

The next call for the SWG will be on Monday 2 December at 11.00 – 12.00 UTC.

The call was adjourned.

Follow-Up Items

1. Share a Gaps analysis document with the SWG
2. Add a new column to the Google Excel sheet regarding existing efforts, and to be populated by ICANN staff
3. SWG to continue to provide input to the document
4. Share an email containing information on past strategies with *Hanan Khatib*