2021-2025 MEAC Strategy Working Group
Minutes of Meeting – Call 7 | Monday 16 December 2019

The 2021-2025 MEAC-SWG had their seventh teleconference call on Monday 16 December at 11.00 UTC.

On the call, we had *Rafik Dammak*, *Baha Toman*, *Hanan Alkhatib*, *Wafa Dahmani*, and *Zakir Ben Rehman*. And from ICANN staff, the call had *Baher Esmat*, *Magali Jean*, and *Fahd Batayneh*.

The agenda for the call was to discuss the input shared on the online Google Docs >> https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GG-ZSymhp3sM8EmHQ37FxXB9ybnID8DEfYRxedzdnn4/edit

The Chair welcomed attendees to the call, and started with the Google Docs. He went through the input that was shared.

For the goal "*Conducting training needs assessment (TNA) in line with the given strategic objective*", the Chair asked ICANN staff what has been conducted in this regard. Fahd B responded that ICANN is limited when it comes to security related trainings, and revolves around DNS Operations, DNSSEC, and Internet Identifiers Abuse and Misuse. While DNS Operations and DNSSEC workshops are upon request from ccTLDs, the workshop on Abuse/Misuse is usually offered once a host makes a DNSSEC workshop request so that all workshops are held over a course of 1 week. There was a suggestion to reword this item, and was captured by ICANN Staff to reflect in the document.

On the goal "*Build a network of experts that can help in strengthening the security of the DNS and the DNS root server system*", Baher E suggested that such a goal could be relevant to all 5 strategic objectives.

On the goal "*Developing community recommendations to mitigate DNS abuse*", it was unclear, and was suggested for the author of this goal to expand and clear.

The two goals "*Raise awareness about the registration data and encourage the adoption of uniform and timely access framework for publicly available registration data*" and "*Raise awareness among registries about the importance of conducting security checks while respecting the privacy. Periodically conducting technical analysis to assess if domains are being used to commit security threats*", these were seen as strategy implementation plan action items rather than goals.

On the goal "*Utilizing the existing technical resources (trained in the past 5 years or so) to help build technical expertise in the region*", the previous train-the-trainers were brought up. It was suggested to merge this goal with the previous goal.

On the goal "*Raising awareness among different stakeholders regarding the security of the DNS across the region*", this was seen as also falling under the focus area "Unique Identifiers System".

There was a request during the call from Hanan K to read out the names of attendees on the call. Fahd B from staff suggested to look at the Zoom area area to see who is attending the call.

The Chair asked ICANN Staff to edit the document and expand on some items. This was noted.

Fahd B noted that when looking at the goals in the previous 2 strategies, they were not copy/paste from what was shown in the relevant ICANN strategy document, but rather were edited to tailor the needs and demands of the region. Those on the call felt that the new strategy would have a mix of items taken from the ICANN's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, as well as items developed by the SWG and the regional community.

Any Other Business (AoB)

The next call for the SWG will be on Monday 23 December at 11.00 – 12.00 UTC.

The call was adjourned.

Follow-Up Items

1. ICANN Staff to edit the Google Docs at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GG-ZSymhp3sM8EmHQ37FxXB9ybnID8DEfYRxedzdnn4/edit