

MESWG 4th Teleconference

11-Feb 2013

10:00-11:00 UTC

Attendees: Nabil Bukhalid, Imad Hoballah, Fahd Batayneh, Sarmad Hussain, Manal Ismail, Rafik Dammak, Ali Almeshal, Khaled Koubaa, Christine Arida.

Summary of discussions:

- An opinion shared about strategic goals as 1st and 3rd goals in the document are somewhat related, both are means to get to the 2nd goal; 2nd goal should be the focus of the WG;
- Need to bring in better alliance with governments; various views expressed on this point:
 - Governments are all equal at the ITU, they only have an advisory role within ICANN; all governments in the region voted in favor of ITRs; recommend GAC to have a decision making role;
 - There is not enough business involvement in ICANN; governments have the GAC, they need to become more engaged, one approach to that could be through high level 1:1 meetings;
 - Governments do not get the multi-stakeholder model; this WG doesn't have the time nor the capacity to have them understand it; some believe that any 'governance' issues are related to 'governments';
 - Real issue is how to get the right players into our activities, how to get all stakeholders including governments to participate in ICANN;
 - GAC does have a power within ICANN; examples include new gTLD program and Registry agreements; let's keep ICANN away from ITU/WCIT because they are different;
 - ICANN and ITU are two different models; participating in one does not preclude participating in the other; GAC chose to continue with their advisory role because they thought it was the best model; problem is not the advisory role, but rather how to strengthen the role of the GAC with other ICANN's constituencies including the Board;

- Seems that we are making progress; document seems to cover a variety of things; strategic focused areas have been identified, and now getting into the details of the objectives; achieving some objectives (e.g. Creating an RIR, or an At-Large organization) require the WG to be familiar with and to understand the details of the processes that lead to achieving those objectives; also important to understand that while this strategy is ICANN's strategy in the region, ICANN is not going to implement it in isolation of stakeholders and partners from the region;
- In planning for the Dubai meeting, WG need to start looking more onto the details even if what is going to be presented in Dubai will be at the high level; suggestion is to divide the WG into 3 sub-groups, for each sub-group to look into focus areas 1, 2 and 3/4, and draft an action plan; then come back to the WG to work on a comprehensive action plan;
- Should make / join the sub-groups over email; can arrange if sub-groups need to have additional calls.

Next steps and action items:

- Set up 3 sub-groups;
- All WG members are encouraged to join sub-groups and move to next steps with actions, etc;
- Next call to take place on Monday 18-Feb 10:00:11:00 UTC.