MESWG 5th Teleconference
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10:00-11:00 UTC

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Summary of discussions:
- Discussion revolved around work the sub-groups have been doing over the past week.
- Sub-group 1 (SG1) on Internet stability and security:
  ◦ Some feedback received; more feedback is expected; responses will be compiled and an updated document will be circulated by Wednesday 20th.
  ◦ Comments raised regarding a couple of items: IPv6; whether training in this area is still a priority for the region, or it should be something beyond that (i.e. deployment); and root-server anycast instances; whether it has been overlooked in the document circulated. On IPv6: a lot of training has been done, but there is need for more, there is also need for awareness and lobbying with ISPs and Telcos to push implementation forward; experience from Lebanon shows that having a task force is important to help with awareness and coordination between the different players; also a "train the trainer" model is something that the region needs. On root-servers: it is needed; it has been included in one of the responses but may have not been reflected in the circulated document.
- Sub-group 2 (SG2) on domain name industry development:
  ◦ Comprehensive document; excellent list; covers too many items that may be difficult to implement simultaneously, hence prioritization is important, what comes on top of the list and what comes next; recommendations should not look like a wish list for ICANN as other stakeholders could contribute to the implementation of the strategy.
  ◦ Comments raised included: ccTLDs' autonomy and sensitivity regarding recommendations by MESWG that might be interpreted as if ICANN is attempting to interfere in the ccTLD space; latest text regarding ccTLDs takes the political sensitivity into account; MESWG should not shy away from addressing important issues in spite of the sensitivity; MESWG should not impose specific business models but rather recommend more awareness raising as well as multi-stakeholder dialogue at national levels; registrar accreditation as an example of an ICANN process where ICANN community NOT staff can have an influence and introduce changes or new elements into (similar to what happened with the JAS in the new gTLD program).
  ◦ Members to share information and thoughts over email with regard to other

related issues (i.e. JAS process, new gTLD controversial names).
- An updated document to be circulated taking comments into account including prioritization.
- Sub-group 3 (SG3) on community development and IG ecosystem:
  - Fouad is going to circulate a draft within the next 24-36 hours; draft will include problem definition and specific recommendations.
- Group agreed to use the face-to-face meeting in Dubai to finalize the draft strategy to be posted thereafter for public comments.
- Coordinators of sub-groups to try to unify the format of the SG documents; be clear on actions and priorities as in SG1's document and follow SG2's document format.

Next steps and action items:
- Circulate updated SG documents by Wednesday 20th.
- Next call to take place on Monday 25-Feb 10:00:11:00 UTC.