

MESWG 8th Teleconference
25-March 2013
10:00-11:00 UTC

Attendees: Ali Almeshal, Nabil Bukhalid, Sarmad Hussain, Iftikhar Shah, Manal Ismail, Christine Arida, Fouad Bajwa, Hania Dimassi, Rafik Dammak, Mohamed El-Bashir.

Summary of discussions:

- Discussed the structure of the table suggested to list 'Actions' against 'Recommendations', 'Priority' and 'Stakeholders'; there was a suggestion to change 'Priority' to 'Timeline'; another suggestion was to add a column on 'Weight' or 'Impact'; however there was no consensus on the latter suggestion and group agreed to change 'Priority' to 'Timeline' and keep the rest of the table as is, at least until we receive public comments on the document;
- Group also agreed to have one table for sections 6.1/2/3 combined under section 7.
- Discussion on metrics raised the question on whether our metrics should be measuring outputs or outcomes; measuring outputs = assessing actions while measuring outcomes = assessing objectives; it seemed that the former was more straight forward than the latter; yet the latter could be more meaningful in evaluating the strategy going forward; there was no consensus on which way the group should go, but group agreed to give this more thought and provide initial lists of metrics for the three strategic areas within the coming 24 hours;
- Group agreed to work hard to meet the deadline of March 27th to post the draft document on time;
- Beijing session on strategy is scheduled for Monday April 8th, 15:00-16:30; group representatives are expected to present the draft strategy similar to what they did in Dubai; a closed meeting for the group will be scheduled during the week;

Action items:

Group to complete sections 6.1/2/3 including the table of actions before end of today;

Group to provide initial list of metrics by tomorrow Tuesday 26th around mid day UTC;

Baher to turn around the complete document by tomorrow night or Wednesday morning for group's final review before posting;