

Middle East Strategy Working Group (MESWG)

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Introduction

- + Formed in late 2012;
- + Strategy covers the 22 Arab States, Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan (collectively called “The Region”);
- + Consists of an ad-hoc group of 21 Internet experts from 11 countries of The Region;
- + ICANN coordinated the formation of the WG, and provides the necessary support to drive its work forward.

ICANN's Strat. Goals for the ME Engagement

1. Foster two-way engagement between ICANN and the broader Internet community in the region;
2. Build strong and competitive domain name industry in the region; and
3. Promote multi-stakeholder Internet governance mechanisms in the region.

Strategic Focus Areas

1. DNS Security and Stability;
2. Domain Name Industry; and
3. Internet Governance Ecosystem.

+ These 3 strategic focus areas were as a result of discussions and consensus between the members of the working group.

Outcomes of the Working Group

- + A 3-year strategic plan.
- + A 1-year action plan (FY14) focusing on:
 - + Technical Capacity Building Programs and Workshops (DNS Operations, DNSSec, IPv6);
 - + Internet Governance Specific Capacity Building Programs and Summer Schools;
 - + Work on Arabic Internationalized Domain Names (TF-AIDN);
 - + Deployment of L-root server instances in the region; and
 - + Increase engagement from the region in I* related events.

Current Activities

- + Formation of the Task Force on AIDNs (TF-AIDNs);
- + Working on holding some workshops and capacity building initiatives with relevant stakeholders;
- + Working on a “trainer-the-trainers” path.

+ More at

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Questions?



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