

Minutes of Meeting

MEAC-SWG Call 3 – Wednesday 27 June 2016

The third call for MEAC-SWG took place on Wednesday 27 June 2016 at 15.00 – 16.00 UTC. The call had 11 members and observers of the MEAC-SWG, and 3 ICANN staff members.

On the Call we had Walid Al-Saqaf (Chair), Abdelhamid Al Abbadi, Aicha Jeridi, Dhouha Ben Youssef, Hanna Kreitem, Hadia El Miniawi, Ines Hfaiedh, James Quirck, Noha Fathy, Zahr Bou-Ghanem, and Zied Bouziri. And from ICANN Staff, we had Baher Esmat, Milena Timurcuoglu, and Fahd Batayneh.

We had some noted apologies due to the ICANN 56 meeting, the short notice of the call, and other reasons.

The agenda for the call included

- 1) Welcome and recap of the previous call;
- 2) Evaluation of the 2013-2016 ME Strategy;
- 3) Reviewing the ICANN 2016-2020 Strategy Plan;
- 4) Approve the MEAC Strategy Template; and
- 5) AoB.

Welcome and Recap of the Previous Call

The Chair welcomed those who were on the call, and summarized the key outcomes from last week calls, as well as the discussions that happened over the mailing list from then until this call.

The Chair also reminded those on the call to share any further ideas they may have on the suggested timeline. The discussions that took place on the mailing list did not oppose the suggested timeline. Hadia raised the question on whether the timeline included developing the implementation plan and reviewing the strategy document; as per the Charter document requirements, and ICANN Staff mentioned that the timeline is just until we develop a strategy document (early November).

The Chair also reminded the group of the strategy template document. The group were in agreement that the template was good as a starter, and that it can be amended as the group moves.

The Chair spoke about the two documents that were shared on Google Docs; one being for evaluating the previous strategy, and the other to develop the key strategic objectives of the new strategy based on ICANN's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan. ICANN Staff did emphasize that while the former would take less time to work on, the later is where most of the time will be spent. ICANN Staff did suggest a working sessions during the next call to go through what worked and what did not work in the previous strategy. It was also suggested to have past members of the ME Strategy be on the call to share their perspectives.

Evaluation of the 2013-2016 ME Strategy and Reviewing the ICANN 2016-2020 Strategy Plan

It was suggested on the mailing list to segregate the Chair and Vice Chair from leading these two work streams, and the Chair was happy to do so. Some on the call were against the segregation as they felt that the Chair and Vice-Chair leading these two tracks would make things more complicated. Hadia also raised the topic of granting privileges on any Google Docs document, and suggested having the document in "suggestion" mode rather than "editing" mode so that whoever suggests text can be viewed by the moderator of any document.

Approve the MEAC Strategy Template

The group on the call did find the strategy template to be adequate for a start, and that the group can modify the document headings as we move.

Other Business

The group will have a bi-weekly call starting the week after Eid ul-Fitr (week of 10-14 July 2016). ICANN Staff will circulate a Doodle Poll, and the slot with the most hits will be a fixed day and time for the WGs bi-weekly calls.

The Chair also raised the suggestion that was brought up by Nadira on the mailing list with regards to hosting companies and the MEAC strategy. ICANN Staff said that they do understand the link, and that they have done some effort in this regard. ICANN Staff did stress that as long as the WG remains within ICANN's mandate and remits and does not cross border lines, the WG should be OK.