

Minutes of Meeting

MEAC-SWG Call 8 – Wednesday 21 September 2016

The eighth call for the MEAC-SWG took place on Wednesday 21 September 2016 at 10.00 – 11.00 UTC. The call had 4 members and observers of the MEAC-SWG, and 2 ICANN staff members.

On the Call we had Ahlam Abu-Jadallah, Manal Ismail, Noha Fathy, and Zahr Bou-Ghanem. And from ICANN Staff, we had Baher Esmat and Milena Timurcuoglu. Overall, the call was poorly attended.

We had apologies from Walid Al-Saqaf (Chair), Hamza Ben Mehrez (Vice-Chair), and Fahd Batayneh (ICANN Staff).

The agenda for the call was to discuss the 3 Focus Area Diagrams.

Discussing the 3 Focus Area Diagrams

ICANN Staff mentioned that the three diagrams developed by Walid are key to developing the new strategy document. Manal shared some insights on FA1 by suggesting to merge some items. ICANN Staff suggested that once we are able to finalize the “Objectives” that we can fine-tune and finalize “Recommendations” and “Actions”. ICANN Staff also suggested having SMART Objectives; i.e. Objectives that are Specific, Measurable, Agreed Upon, Realistic, and Timely. Noha asked why there was no mention of “Human Rights” in the diagrams, and so ICANN Staff suggested to take this to the mailing list with suggestions on how and where to fit it.

On FA2, there was a suggestion not to invent new acronyms (such as ‘DNI’ rather than ‘DNS Industry’) to prevent confusion. Also, since FA2 has been renamed to “marketplace”, the WG may want to change this in the charts. Finally, it was suggested to utilize the DNS Entrepreneurship Center (DNS-EC) when working on this focus area.

Discussions on FA3 revolved around Civil Society Engagement and how to increase it.

It was suggested to raise many of the questions on the call on the mailing list.