

The Middle East Strategy Working Group

The new Middle East Strategy Working Group will be working on developing ICANN's new regional engagement strategy.¹ Members will have to attend calls when they are requested. The work will be conducted in English.

Furthermore, the strategy working group or a subset of it shall:

- Assist ICANN org staff with developing the annual implementation plan;
- Assist ICANN org staff with reviewing and assessing the annual implementation plan every quarter, and at the end of every fiscal year;
- Guide ICANN org staff throughout the implementation of the strategy.

When applying, applicants are strongly recommended to consider having one or more of the following:

- Knowledge about ICANN;
- Knowledge about the Domain Name System (DNS) industry;
- Expertise in strategic planning;
- Expertise in Internet-based or other ICT businesses;
- Strong ability to communicate in English.

The suggested timeline for the new strategy working group is as follows:

- **September 2019** >> Form a new strategy working group and hold a webinar with ICANN's Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives (MSSI) team
- **October / November 2019** >> Discussions amongst the new strategy working group members, and with the wider community on the key elements of the new strategy
- **Mid-February 2020** >> Draft strategy issued for public comments, and hold a region-wide webinar to seek input/feedback
- **April / May 2020** >> Final strategy document issued, and work begins on developing the Year 1 Implementation Plan
- **May / June 2020** >> Final Year 1 Implementation Plan issued

The time commitment for this work will be quite intense until the strategy is finalized in April/May 2020. Furthermore, please note that this is a voluntary position, and therefore there will be no financial compensation for the work undertaken.

¹ The region covers 22 Arab States, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan.