

Call for Volunteers

Task Force on Capacity Building Activities (TF-CBA)

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The *Middle East Strategy Working Group (MESWG)* is pleased to announce a call for volunteers to join the **Task Force on Capacity Building Activities (TF-CBA)**. The task force is envisioned to understand the capacity needs of the region, and to coordinate the execution of programs and activities as recommended in the Middle East strategy. Capacity building programs and activities targeted by the MESWG include the following broad topics:

- DNS Registry and Registrar Operations;
- Domain Name Marketing and Business Development;
- DNS Protocols and Technologies, including DNSSEC, IPv6, IDNs, etc.;
- DNS Security Planning, Management, and Enforcement; and
- Internet Governance.

Candidates interested in joining the TF-CBA are expected to fulfill the following requirements:

- Capacity building experience in programs related to one or more of the broad topics mentioned above.
- Willingness to contribute 5-10 hours per week for the proceedings of the task force; mainly during the initial stages; and
- Fluency in the English language. Additional language(s) used within the region is/are a plus.

Interested candidates are requested to email their CV/Resume and a Statement of Interest (Sol) to tf-cba-owner@meswg.org mentioning relevant information that could strengthen the application in-hand. These CVs/Resumes and Sols will be posted on the TF-CBA Wiki page for the public at <https://community.icann.org/display/MES/TF-CBA+Wiki+Space>.

Successful candidates are expected to be available for regular teleconference meetings when called upon. There might also be a need for a face-to-face meeting from time to time. The membership of the task force is entirely voluntarily based; no member will be compensated for the task force work.

Tentative Timelines

1. Open call for volunteers and evaluate applications as they are received (3 weeks);
2. Announce the TF-CBA members and send out welcome emails (1 day);
3. Request volunteers to subscribe to the TF-CBA mailing list (1 week);
4. Conduct a teleconference call one week after the end of the mailing list subscription timeframe.

This is an ongoing call; interested volunteers are welcome to submit their interest to the program at any time. The tentative timelines mentioned earlier are for the first round of applications, though.

About MESWG

The Middle East Strategy Working Group (MESWG) is an ad-hoc group of Internet experts from the region the strategy covers; i.e. the 22 Arab States, Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan (collectively defined as “The Region”). The working group consists of 21 experts from 11 countries of the region. ICANN has coordinated the formation of the working group, and provides all the necessary support to drive its mandate forward. ICANN’s strategic goals for its engagement in the region are to:

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.

These goals are divided into three strategic focus areas, namely: DNS Security and Stability, Domain Name Industry, and Internet Governance Ecosystem.

More on the MESWG can be found on the dedicated Wiki online at <https://community.icann.org/display/MES/Middle+East+Working+Group>.