Middle East and Adjoining Countries School on Internet Governance (MEAC-SIG)

Call for Fellowships

Kuwait, Kuwait

May 25-29, 2014

Introduction

As part of the ICANN Middle East Strategy [1] devised by the *Middle East Strategy Working Group (MESWG)*, ICANN aims to develop and sponsor outreach programs and initiatives in partnership with national and regional stakeholders in order to stimulate the regional Internet community and ensure effective participation in regional and global Internet Governance fora.

To that end, ICANN through MESWG's *Task Force on Capacity Building and Awareness (TF-CBA)* will be organizing the *Middle East and Adjoining Countries School on Internet Governance (MEAC-SIG)* 2014. This annual five-day event will be comprised of focused sessions tailored to fit the region's needs. These sessions will be covering a broad range of issues from technical to policy aspects of Internet Governance.

Objectives

The MEAC-SIG will help individuals from the MEAC region to better understand the global and regional Internet Governance issues, settings and processes while gaining access to comprehensive and structured knowledge on the various aspects of Internet Governance, and the actors, issues and settings surrounding it.

Format

The MEAC-SIG will offer a 5-day intensive learning course spanning five tracks. The course will cover the political, legal, economic, socio-cultural, technological and other dimensions of the Internet Governance within the context of the MEAC regional imperatives.

The program is expected to carry practical oriented workshops, round tables and case presentations.

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[1] The Middle East Strategy covers the 22 Arab States, Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan

Future Aspects

The MEAC-SIG program intends to continue community development by creating an alumni network and have students engage in ICANN, IGF, Arab IGF and other relevant regional activities and fora. TF-CBA will ensure that the MEAC-SIG program is rotated on yearly basis to various countries of the region.

Target Audience

The target audience will be derived from the countries of the MEAC region that are expected to be comprised of students, practitioners, researchers and professionals from the following sectors:

1. Academia and Research
2. Civil Society and NGOs
3. Government and Public Sector
4. Technical Community
5. Private Sector and Business

Fellowships

This is a call to those who are interested in attending the MEAC-SIG. The fellowship package will include the following:

- Return economy class airfare
- Hotel accommodation for the duration of the event
- A per-Diem to cover side expenses

If you are interested in applying for a fellowship to attend the MEAC-SIG, kindly fill out the attached application form and send back to meswg@icann.org. Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee, and successful candidates will be contacted to initiate next steps.

Terms and Conditions

1. The applicant must be above the age of 18 years.
2. The applicant must be a citizen of the MEAC region as specified in the footnote on page 1. Applications from outside of the MEAC region will not be considered. Preference will be given to citizens of developing and least-developed countries.
3. All fields within the application form are mandatory. Applications with missing fields will not be considered.
4. In addition to the application form, all candidates have to submit:

   a. A 500 word Statement of Interest in Arabic or English answering why they should be considered for the summer school, and what are their views about Internet Governance;
   b. Submit a recommendation letter from their support, organization, company or department confirming that they are allowed travel and will have the necessary leave sanctioned; and
   c. A clear color copy of the applicant's passport information page, as well as any renewal pages.

5. Successful fellows will have their travel logistics taken care of by the organizers of the event.
6. Successful fellows will be covered with a reasonable economy class return ticket, hotel accommodation for the duration of the event, and pier-Diem to cover any incidental costs. Those willing to extend their stay or re-route their return ticket to another destination can do so at their own expense.
7. Successful fellows are expected to attend the entire 5-day event and any social activities. Those who fail to comply with this condition and without any logical reasoning will have their fellowship fund terminated.
8. Successful fellows are expected to report on the event within 2 weeks from the end of it. The report must explain the fellow's experience attending the MEAC-SIG, and how they will use the knowledge gained to benefit their local community.

Full Name		
Nationality		
Passport Number		
Passport Issue Date		
Passport Expiry Date		
Mobile Number		
Email ID		
Stakeholder Group	□ Academia and Research	□ Civil Society and NGOs
	□ Government and Public Sector	□ Technical Community
	□ Private Sector and Business	□ Intergovernmental Organization
Support Required	□ Airfare Only	□ Accommodation Only
	□ Airfare and Accommodation	□ No Support Needed
Experience in areas related to Internet Governance and Development		
What plans do you have for your local community or stakeholder group after attending the MEAC-SIG		