

NCSG Public Comment on MEAC 3 Year Strategy

We thank the MEAC group for drafting this strategy available at <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/meac-strategy-draft-27oct16-en.pdf>.

Please find our comments below:

1. In the strategy, we see a lack of consideration of noncommercial users as separate actors. Noncommercial users are not necessarily civil society and they should be included whenever civil society, at large structures and academia are mentioned. Preferably under Stakeholders sections.
2. In figure three, more empowered stakeholders, we urge the group to add noncommercial users.
3. In figure three under higher level of awareness we urge the group to add noncommercial users to governments, at large structures etc ... (this addition should apply to all the four objectives in figure 3)
4. Paragraph 5.1.2 Stakeholders (Beneficiaries and Contributors) reads as : In the context of DNS infrastructure security and stability, stakeholders involved include but are not limited to the following. It will then list a number of stakeholders. We believe that enumerating the stakeholders could possibly lead to not focusing on those stakeholders and actors who are not listed. We suggest this text to be added to paragraph 5.1.2 : "The group will actively identify other stakeholder groups and will include those stakeholders that reach out".
5. The strategy also intends to "Promote a Healthy and Competitive Domain Name Marketplace in the MEAC Region". However there is no mention of the role of registrants in action items. The registrants (both commercial and noncommercial) are an important part of the competitive domain name marketplace and their opinion matter. We suggest adding registrants to the strategy.