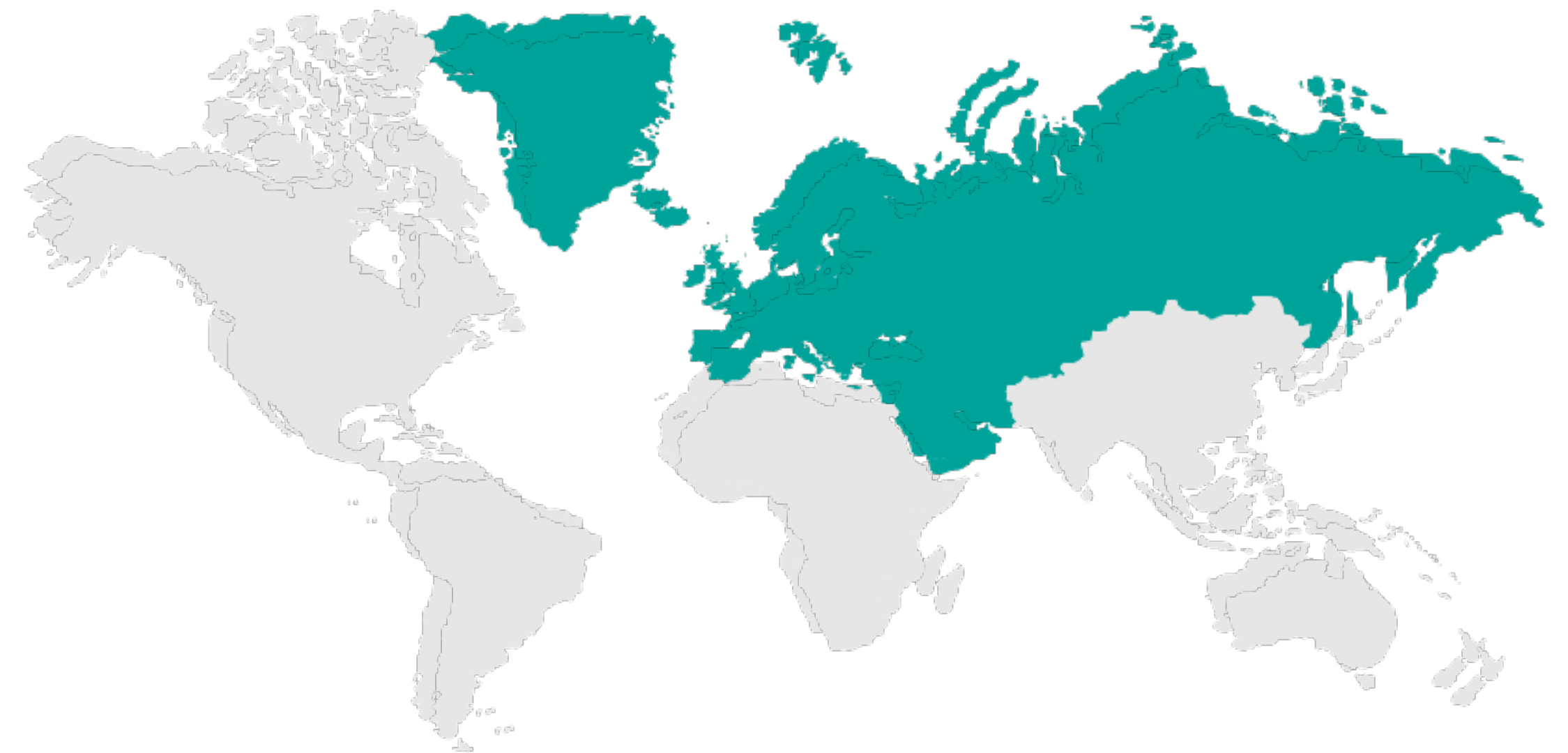# Outcomes of the Dubai Government Roundtable and the RIPE NCC update

Chafic Chaya | 15 December 2020 | Roundtable Meeting for Governments (Middle East)

About the RIPE NCC

- Established in 1992 as the secretariat to the RIPE community
  - Not-for-profit membership association
  - Based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands
  - Regional offices in Dubai and Moscow
- 20,000 members
- Service region of 76 countries across Europe, Middle East and parts of Central Asia
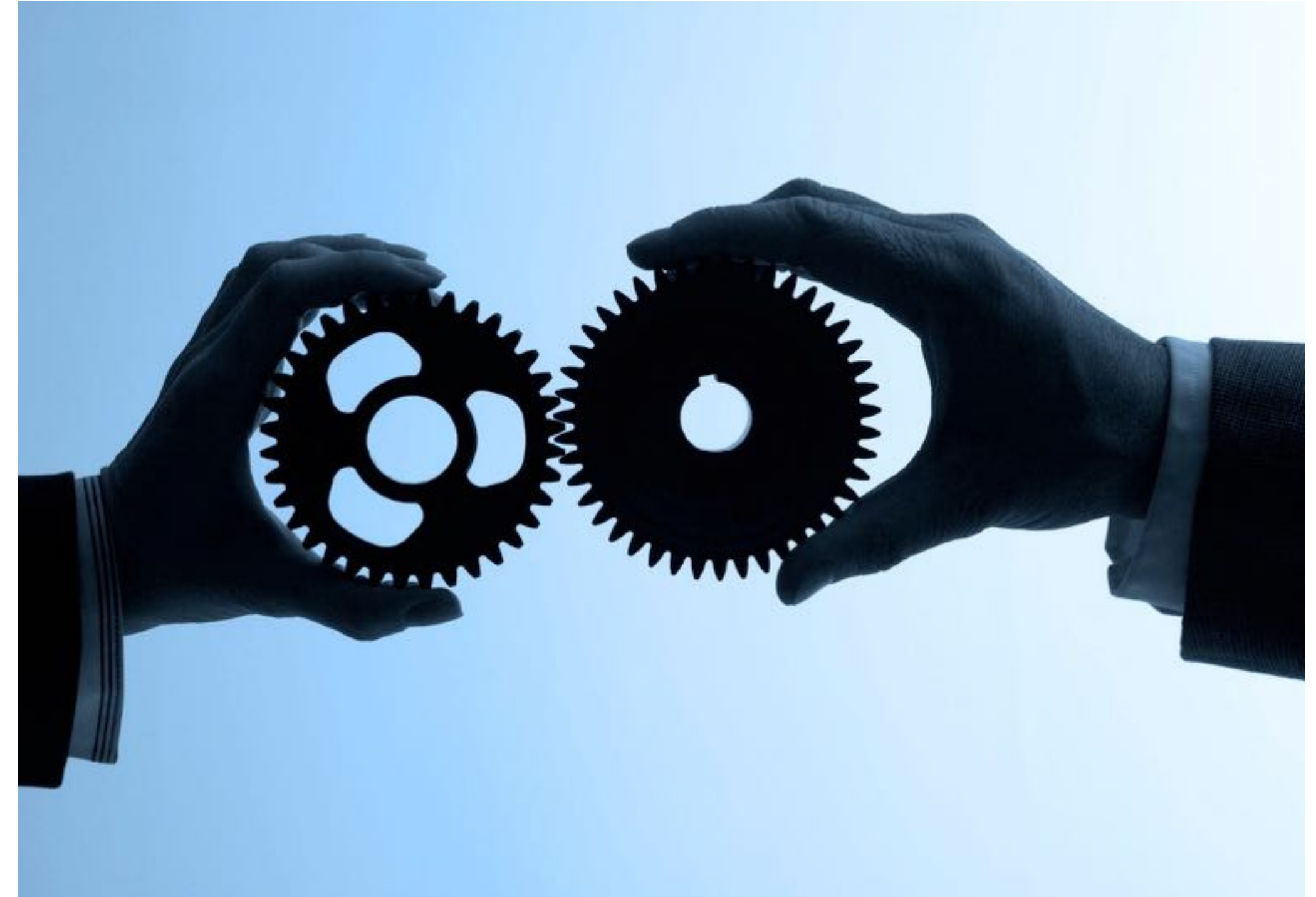
Responsibilities

- Distribute IP addresses and AS Numbers

- Implement policies set by the RIPE community

- Support the infrastructure of the Internet

Synergy with Governments

- Help governments with their national ICT strategies

- Support regulators and policy makers in their policy-making

- Contribute to public consultations

- Organise government roundtables and high-level meetings

- MoUs with regulators

RIPE NCC Government Cooperation Framework

Regulator Engagement (Meetings and Roundtables)	**Law Enforcement Agency Engagement** (Trainings and webinars)
Sectorial Engagement and Capacity Building (Technical trainings, workshops and webinars)	**Internet Measurements** (Country Reports, RIPE Atlas and RIPEstat)
Academic Engagement (RIPE NCC Academy, Community Projects Fund, RIPE Academic Cooperation Initiative, e-learning)	**MENOG** (Sharing knowledge and best practices)

Dubai Government Roundtable 2019

Challenges and Actions

National Resources and Billing

- What we heard

  - Greater collaboration

  - Helping preserve national resources

  - Flexibility with payments

- Action Taken

  ✓ Close collaboration with regulators through focal points

  ✓ Extension of payment deadline

Capacity Building

- What we heard
  - A need for more capacity building
  - Sharing best practices

- Action Taken
  - ✓ Dedicated trainings and webinars were delivered covering Saudi Arabia, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Lebanon, Jordan, and Oman
  - ✓ Online meetings and support for Kuwait, Yemen, Qatar, Bahrain, Syria and Palestine
  - ✓ Academic webinars for undergraduates

Internet Measurements and Statistics

- ## What we heard
  - Data, statistics and reports at country and regional level are valuable for policy makers and operators

- ## Action Taken
  - ✓ The RIPE NCC published a second Country Report on GCC Countries
  - ✓ 'Measurements and Tools' webinars with regulatory authorities and operators
  - ✓ RIPE Atlas software probes launched and hardware probe version 5 under development

Language Support

- **What we heard**

  - More documents and support in Arabic required

- **Action Taken**

  ✓ A new language policy in development to support Arabic and other languages

  ✓ The RIPE NCC Gulf Country Report is available in Arabic

  ✓ A few documents have already been translated in Arabic covering topics like how to become a member, policies, resources and transfers

Action Points Suspended due to COVID-19

- Collaboration with the Arab Internet team

- Arab delegation to RIPE Meetings

The Challenges Ahead…

- **Connectivity:** Connect a rapidly growing population of Internet users

- **Digital Transformation and Digital Economy:** Develop Internet infrastructure that provides security and efficiency and bridge the digital gap

- **Routing:** Keep data traffic inside the region

- **Capacity Building:** Gain know-how and technical expertise

- **Adaptive Regulation:** Ensure regulation to meet technology advancements

- **Data and Analysis:** Deploy more Internet measurement tools

Questions

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