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ABDALMONEM GALILA:

Thank you. This is Abdalmonem Galila for the record. I will speak on behalf of Universal Acceptance Committee members for today as chairing the session with my colleague, Regina, as a vice chair of Universal Acceptance Committee.

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, wherever you are, wherever you are here at the beautiful city of Turkey, Istanbul, or you are at the remote participation. This is the first time for Universal Acceptance Committee to meet here at the Middle East region, so we are happy to be here for the first time, and we keep going for our activities related to Universal Acceptance Committee.

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Today, the session is not like the normal ones of Universal Acceptance Committee. It is a working session. We are now reviewing the work items of Universal Acceptance Committee, whatever it is currently work items or the future ones.

At the same time, as I said, it is somehow different. It's a working session. If you recall well, the ICANN 80, we explore different activities within UAC. So now we are going for the different theme of Universal Acceptance Committee session.

So for the work plan, we'll start by the survey or consultation session of ICANN 82. Actually, since four sessions from now for Universal Acceptance Committee, we agreed or we discussed what should be there for the survey or consultation at ICANN 82, and we have a conclusion or some details. So I would like to give the floor now to Bart to give us more details about what is there on this topic. Thank you.

BART BOSWINKEL:

Thank you, Abdalmonem, and good morning, everybody, and welcome to this in-person meeting, which really kicks off the in-person meetings of the ccNSO.

What we're going to do is, because there are some people in the room who are not familiar with the work of the UAC up to date, so after talking to Abdalmonem, we briefly go over, I would say, one of the core issues the group has been discussing, whether to do a survey or use another engagement tool at ICANN 82 to solicit the, I would say, the views of the ccNSO or ccTLDs with respect to the extent they are UA aware. So that is, and today the UAC wants to take a final decision on the path or on the course of travel. So, Claudia, can you go first to the PDF with the brainstorming outcome?

So one of the exercises, and they started in, I would say, late September, the UAC conducted was a brainstorming on what do you want to achieve with a survey? Because before you start designing a survey, you want to know, say, who you target, what you want to achieve with the survey, what type of questions you want to gather. And what you see in front of you is the result of these brainstorming sessions. And as you also will see is a variety of responses. So the UAC was not really clear about what they wanted to achieve with this survey. And if you're not clear about the survey's goals, then one of the issues you will face is are the questions good enough? Do you solicit what you want to know, etc.?

So what is, say, the questions range, so what are the challenges towards UA adoption? What is preventing ccTLDs to move forward with UA? That's almost in the same category. But the other one is to map

practical challenges and wins of IDN introductions that's really into marketing, etc.

So you can see there is targeted, say, the questions are different and varied. And if you would go to the next slide, please, you'll see some others, and this will be posted anyway, so you can check it afterwards.

Next slide, please. And then, say, related is the, I would say, the variety in audiences. Who do you target as your key participants in the survey? And again, you can see it ranges, and again, this sets, makes it very difficult to have a very focused and targeted survey.

So that was the current way. So as a result, the UAC started to discuss alternative ways of reaching out and soliciting views of ccTLDs around UA awareness. Can you go to the next slide? No, go to the other presentation. The one on the Mentimeter, PDF.

Those of you who attended the Kigali meeting, the ccTLD meetings in Kigali, may have witnessed, have seen and participated in a series, and in San Juan as well, where we start introducing Mentimeter as a tool to solicit views of the people in the room and remote participants. The way it's structured is you have a series of introductions, either testimonials or something else, and then you ask a series of pointed questions around this specific topic.

And these questions are more or less the same, and people in the room and remote participants can respond online, and these responses are collected, and then we can use, and the UAC or the other groups can use them to analyze and to build, say, the next phase of their work. As you will see on Tuesday, the PGA has been using this to analyze potential

issues with respect to IANA, and the basic idea of using this method for UA awareness is to structure the sessions in that first this group, the UAC, identifies areas which they believe are important, so that's something that the group should do starting today, if you agree with this approach, and going forward. Then seek testimonials or explanations more in-depth. For example, the market is not ready for UA or for IDNs. That could be a topic, and you have a presentation around it, and then you ask the people, do you agree with the statements, etc. So I'll show it. That's the way that you do it. So first you have a series of testimonial, series of questions, and then go to the next testimonial and series of questions.

Can you go to the next slide, please? So current status of UA information could be something like, what is blocking UA readiness for your ccTLD? And then you have a testimonial from a ccTLD or somebody else. And then you go to the next slide, please. And then you ask some questions. So this is the presentation. Next slide, please. And these are questions that the audience can respond to. What are the risks that you as a ccTLD manager or person in the room see that is blocking what you see as a risk to UA readiness, for example? So that's the way these type of questions. And go to the next one, please. And then you can rate the risks. So these are all tools. Next one, please. And then there is something like, how can we address the blockers and risks as a type of discussion. And again, this is something where you can use Mentimeter or another tool to solicit views and gather a very rich set of responses. Next slide, please. And then finally, how do you rate something like, or are there any remaining questions? So that would be a structure for a

meeting using this, but it takes a lot of preparation in order to do this. Next slide, please.

And then, so that's the final. This is just a basic set of questions that need to be refined. I've done this one in five minutes. Just as an illustration, as an alternative method, just to show how you could use it to the UAC for, say, to solicit views of the community around UA awareness. If we, the UAC, wants to go down this path, it will take a lot of work as well as, like the survey, not as much. But, say, one of the, say, the first question will be, okay, what are the main themes you want to address around UA awareness? It's really a very rich environment, so you can't do everything in a one-hour or 90-minute session. So you need to stick to, I would say, two or three major themes and then have two or three relevant and inviting presentations or testimonials, and then do a series of questions around these testimonials. So if you have, I would say, just based on experience, I would say, if it's an hour session, you can do two testimonials, so two main themes, say, and the testimonial would be five to ten minutes. Ask questions from the room. It's five minutes. Then do the round of questions that you see in front of you, which will take 10 to 20 minutes, so you end up with just two themes. And if you have a 90-minute session, you can do three major themes during a 90-minute session. That's, I would say, the max. But it's an engaging way of getting people, first of all, making people aware of UA readiness. And secondly, it's you get a rich set of information which you may drive your future work as well. And a survey has advantages as well. But given the timelines, and because that's something that we discussed at the UAC as well, it's, if you think about it, we have two meetings before, I would say, the seasonal break after ICANN 81. Then

we have the seasonal break, which will take four or five weeks for everybody before everybody's back. So we're talking about the end of January. And ICANN 82 is early March. So effectively, it means you only have February to do a survey and to plan a survey, etc., if you want to do it post-ICANN 82. So that's also keeping in mind, say, the timelines and making effective use of your time. And to present something at ICANN 82. So I'll pause here and see if there are any questions. And back to you, Abdalmonem.

ABDALMONEM GALILA:

Yes, thank you, Bart. Actually, what I am thinking about is more the responses we'll have, whatever from survey or Mentimeter or consultation session, like said by Bart, the more ones, we will have a benefit from that. We'll compile all of this data, make analyzation, and see how could we help this system in order to go for universal acceptance and adoption. As we have many factors here affected the way we are going for survey, as we have a limited time before, a limited number of session or the days before ICANN 82. The second approach that we are going for two testimonials or more, and then followed by some question related to universal acceptance and adoption, I think it will be a good way to grab more details or more responses from the community members within ccTLD. That is my sense for that. I am happy to have any other comments or suggestions from the remote participants or the participants who are here at the session.

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- BART BOSWINKEL:** May I suggest that we, just to close this discussion, because we have been doing this discussion now for, I would say, two sessions, but with the aim to get closure on whether to go for survey or the second approach, may I suggest that you take a temperature of the room, who is in favor of the first one and who is in favor of the second route?
- ABDALMONEM GALILA:** Sure, Bart. So now as said by Bart, for the room here, if you are in the positive way for going for survey, you could raise your hand at the moment. Survey, you have two options, survey or consultation using a Mentimeter and testimonials. If you would like the approach of survey, you could raise your hand.
- REGINA FUCHSOVA:** We should also clarify if in case of this consultation, it will be also possible to submit the views outside of the session, so that those ccTLDs maybe who would not be present either online or in person at ICANN 82, if it will be possible to submit the views.
- ABDALMONEM GALILA:** Yeah, good point. Actually, the presence of the ccTLD within the room or the room of participation online will have the details, more details, or even we could reach out to him. But if it could be through survey, maybe we could have responses or not. So the survey option now, do you prefer that or do you prefer the other one? If anyone, go ahead.

BART BOSWINKEL:

May I address Regina's point? To my knowledge, we can't keep Mentimeter open. So that being said, the type of questions, if you look at it, they're very open. So effectively, what we could do is keep a Google Doc or anything else open with the same type of questions, and the sessions will be recorded anyway. So if people want to add anything, because we're all in for innovation, so then we use, say, a Google Doc afterwards to collect views of people who were not able to attend the meeting. And that's the advantage of having open questions, because people can submit their answers anyway and we can circulate the link or even do it by an email thing. But that's an open, almost like an open questionnaire, and not like these strict surveys where we tend to go. But open surveys or open questions are more difficult to analyze. That's the point.

ABDALMONEM GALILA:

Thank you, Bart. So the second option for going for testimonial and Mentimeter or consultations, a community within ICANN 82. If you like this approach, you could raise your hand or say anything. Yeah, go ahead, Anil. You are with second approach? You could go ahead. Why do you prefer the second approach rather than survey?

ANIL KUMAR JAIN:

Thank you, Anil, for the record. Basically, in case we want a presentation in ICANN 82, then time is short. But if we undertake the consultation, then it is not only some ccTLD who are going to present their case, but they can learn from the others in the shortest possible time. So this is what my uptake, but I just want to give one update also to all the

participants here, UASG and ICANN Org, they take out a UA readiness report every year. This year report also is released where a specific survey on ccTLD gets conducted and that also covers why some ccTLDs are not able to go on UA adoption and why some are able to go. So I request in case the UAC can take advantage of that report also as the base report and work out on this report which we are going to present on ICANN 82. Thank you.

ABDALMONEM GALILA: Thank you, Anil. Any other idea? Any other comments at the chat room for the session? Okay, that's fine at the moment for consultation as ICANN 82.

BART BOSWINKEL: Shall we now, and maybe that's too early, but with this in mind, maybe a question for Anil. Anil, when is this report ready? Is this a new survey on UA readiness?

ANIL KUMAR JAIN: Thank you, Bart. Anil for the record again. This report is released in the month of May. It is a new report which is the survey which we have conducted in 2024 itself. And I am happy to inform you that as per the report, around 69% of the ccTLDs which have been surveyed, they are either fully UA ready or they are partially ready. So this is much, much better than GNSO.

BART BOSWINKEL: So is it already published or will it be published?

ANIL KUMAR JAIN: No, it is already published.

BART BOSWINKEL: Okay, so maybe, and that's one, if you look at your report, and I hope you don't mind, if you look at your report, what do you see as the major factors for UA readiness and to implement or not implement?

ANIL KUMAR JAIN: So let us discuss first about why people have gone for UA readiness and second, what people are facing problems in adopting it. So one is the motivation of the advantage which government and ccNSO managers see for implementation of UA, especially in the Asia-Pacific region, where English-speaking population is less. So to increase the internet traffic, this is one bigger motivation which ccNSO manager is able to get. Number two, when they approach for adoption, they look at the resources available for the adoption. So now there are several ccNSOs which are able to implement it, so they can take advantage, they are able to consult with each other, they get advantage of it, and UASG have already published several reports which are helpful for any registry or registrar to adopt UA. So they are able to consult, they are able to get it. Third, there are several agencies which are available in AP region which are helping those registries and registrars to undertake the UA adoption things. So these are the few motivational actions which we are able to get from the survey. Now as far as the issues or the gaps, why people

are not able to get it, is the government policies which impact the ccNSOs, sometime the government is not able to take decision on adopting the UA, this is one. Those ccNSO countries where the ccNSO is there but they are not able to get the IDN delegated to them, so this is the second issue. Third, is the availability of the skilled manpower and the resources in the nearby, that is why they are not able to do it. Of course, last year survey also had an issue that some of the ccNSOs, the awareness was not there about the UA and the advantage of adoption of UA. Now those with the UA day which is there for the last two years and this year also we are going to have the UA day in a big way, I think the awareness issue has been resolved. Thank you.

BART BOSWINKEL:

The reason for asking is fairly simple, I think this is almost like a baseline that you already see for themes around the session. And not pre-empting the outcome of the discussion but I think this is already a starting point, say, for the real work of the UAC, look at the report and also the EURid report around IDNs to check where there are themes that we can test and look into and solicit people who are able to present on this through a testimonial. But that would be my suggestion. Thanks for your response, Anil.

ANIL KUMAR JAIN:

In fact, thank you very much, Bart, for this. I am ready along with ICANN to make a presentation on the portion of ccNSO on the UA readiness report to all the members of UAC whenever you desire so that that can give a kick-start for this particular year. Thank you.

BART BOSWINKEL: Now, Regina, Abdalmonem, might that be an idea to invite Anil and staff to do a presentation at one of the upcoming UAC meetings?

REGINA FUCHSOVA: I think so definitely and also we partially started I think before summer to have a look at the content of both surveys and to see where are the synergies and the survey EURid is running is always done at the beginning of the year so we are open to see how to enhance it or to team up with the report. I think I understood that you don't plan to repeat it again next year, right, the report with the survey, Anil, or you do?

ANIL KUMAR JAIN: No, that is what I informed, this UA readiness report is released every year.

REGINA FUCHSOVA: Every year, so it should be again in May?

ANIL KUMAR JAIN: Yeah.

REGINA FUCHSOVA: Okay, so you are basically more or less starting on it. Okay, so I think it's a good time to have a look how to align and what to maybe enhance also from our side so that we are here not duplicating what is already, yes, being done. Thank you.

BART BOSWINKEL:

I think we got a work plan going forward. So the first one is identifying themes from the, say, what has been done and then have a discussion with the UAC around this and then, yes, start preparing the questions and seeking people able to present on two or three topics. And then you have a plan for the ICANN 82 and beyond, because the results are probably the most interesting part in comparing this, but it's a nice week. Thank you. Back to you, Abdalmonem.

ABDALMONEM GALILA:

Yes, thank you, Bart. Could we go for the next slide, next one? July 2020, the ccNSO Council agreed from their perspective that the value and the purpose of ccNSO for ccTLD manager or ccTLD community have two main things. The first one is related to creation of global platform for ccTLD managers to undertake policy and the policy-related work and cooperate and learn, and engage with other stakeholders. The second one, the ccNSO is a supporting organization for ICANN, especially for ccTLD manager and the decisional participants through which the ccTLD managers act. Basically, ccNSO cares about ccTLD manager and the other stakeholders for creating the global platform and as a support for ccTLD manager. That is why you have universal acceptance committee that contribute to the global platform function of the ccNSO as it engages with other stakeholders and the group within ICANN umbrella and allows the manager to cooperate and learn.

So according to the charter of the Universal Acceptance Committee, the scope for the committee is three main things. The first is to create a

platform for ccTLD manager in order to interact and share information at the global level and for other groups under the ICANN umbrella for the issues that are related to universal acceptance and acceptance of domain names. And I would like to highlight that we are not going to overlap with other group efforts for the UA-related topics and we are not going to formulate any new policies or standards away from the scope of ccNSO. This is the first purpose of UAC.

Second purpose is in liaison with other work groups. Currently we have liaison with Universal Acceptance Steering Group to share information, what are the hot topics that discuss at the stage of UASG, to have these topics replicated or as a kind of knowledge transfer as a report that in monthly basis to Universal Acceptance Committee and ccNSO and vice versa. If there is any new topics that are discussed or new activities discussed here at UAC it will be replicated to Universal Acceptance Steering Group. Actually we are still working to have more liaisons with other work groups within ICANN like GAC IDN Universal Acceptance Board Committee.

The third purpose of Universal Acceptance Committee is information sharing like we are here for today. We are organizing a session or a working session to discuss the work items and other sessions like what we are in Kigali to share information about the testimonials that is successful testimonial of UA Day 2024 and other activities that are related to universal acceptance. Next slide, please.

As said by Bart that we need to solicit the details of an idea of an approach. So we followed three main steps. The first one is a phased approach which is napkin pitch and the second step is impact and effort

analysis and the third one is setting priorities. For napkin pitch exercise we consider three main items. The stakeholders in order to grab some details and the execution by Universal Acceptance Committee for the work items we are going to make napkin pitch upon and the rationale. Of course we have three main quadrants we need to consider while going to phase an ideas or an approach. We need to consider the benefits and needs for ccTLDs and the benefits and needs for ccNSO and of course how could these items or work items executed by Universal Acceptance Committee, considering that the resources available, the time available for ccTLD manager who are interested for UA and many other factors related to that.

And the second step for formulating the work plan or the work action is impact and effort analysis. We have two main areas here. We need to consider that the variables that are already there. So that affects the execution of Universal Acceptance Committee work plan. So we go to the impact and impact analysis or impact metrics that have two axes. The horizontal axis is related to level of effort. How much time required, money, resources, the capacity that will be needed to achieve this desired value. And the vertical line is to the level of impact. How much value or impact of the outcome that we will have. And the other criteria that we build this variable upon is what are the added value to coordination and facilitation of participation of ccTLD in UA-related sessions and how to increase the level of participation of ccTLD community in UA-related matters.

Actually as said by my colleague Anil from UASG, universal acceptance is not only for IDNs or EAI but also for utilities. For IDNs it is related to

the top-level domain names that are Unicode or IDNs but also for the TLDs who are ASCII that may have other level to be Unicode. This time this domain name it will be considered as Unicode. So [inaudible] considering IDN manager and ASCII TLD manager who will have second levels or other levels to be Unicode.

And the last step for formulating our work plan or the work action is setting priorities. Maybe we will have one of the topics that need less effort but will have high impact. And other topics may have high effort and ignorable value at the end. So we need to prioritize all of these.

BART BOSWINKEL:

What is important is the work plan and it includes work items. These work items are on the part of the work plan of the UAC. I think the first step, and you conducted this series of exercises starting with the napkin pitch and then the impact effort analysis which end up in setting priorities with respect to these work items. If you look at this work plan as it currently stands, the question is first of all the order of the current work items—is that still relevant? So that is something that we need to discuss now. Secondly, do you see any new work items either in the immediate future or in the longer term?

My suggestion is first to focus on your current dance card before adding new ones because it is easy to come up with ideas but the execution of ideas takes time as we have learned over the last two years and you don't want to do too much and too many things at once. So maybe review the current list of work items first and then check whether they are still relevant and then open the floor for discussion if you see any

new ones to be added to this list. And then we need to say with the new ones we have to go through that exercise again, napkin exercise, impact effort analysis, etc. So first review the current list.

ABDALMONEM GALILA: Thank you. I will leave the floor now for Regina, the Vice Chair of UAC, to explore the current work items and the future ones. Go ahead, please.

REGINA FUCHSOVA: Thank you very much, Abdalmonem. So as we can see the items of the work plan, we will just—let's go through them together and please let us know if you have some comment or suggestion. This exercise as you can see is already a few months ago when we did it. So as for the currently running things as we call it here near our immediate future, the library is set up and email list as well. And as we already suggested and invited the ccTLDs at many occasions, we very much welcome both your suggestions for the library because we know that there are a lot of nice reports and studies which are maybe published or known only regionally and could be of importance and benefit to the whole community, so please do share these links and join also our mailing list.

Then as for the success stories on implementation and benefits on universal acceptance readiness, this is something which we believe could be connected with activities at the ICANN82 together with the survey to bring in testimonials and really our effort is to be as concretely helpful as possible to address concrete concerns or blockers to UA readiness.

We did quite, I would say, nice effort in spreading the word about the UA Day within the ccTLD community. There was a well-received webinar in September where we had some testimonials from our ccTLD colleagues who already joined Universal Acceptance Day and we heard, I think from Seda, that there are also some this year going to join. So I think that in the future, next year again, we would like to repeat it.

Then as Abdalmonem already mentioned, we are in good contact with other groups. It's not only that there is a liaison appointed to the Universal Acceptance Steering Group, but also, for example, we had a presentation at the GAC meeting, at last ICANN meeting, and also there will be some capacity building session around universal acceptance at this ICANN meeting as well.

And the UA readiness roadmap, this is also something we would like to have a look in connection with the concrete benefits or concerns which will hopefully be identified during this alternative survey session at the next ICANN meeting.

So I think I have been speaking for quite a long time, so it would be good if we have some questions or comments to give the floor to the participants, or Abdalmonem, if you want to say something to what we are going through.

ABDALMONEM GALILA:

Yeah, I just wanted to intervene that we already make a call for ccTLD manager in order to join Universal Acceptance Committee, highlighting why does it matter to join Universal Acceptance Committee, and we are already growing as Universal Acceptance Committee. And of course, the

window is still open for any ccTLD manager who would like to join Universal Acceptance Committee. And I wanted to highlight that you are—maybe you are not ccNSO member, but you are working for an organization that is operating ccTLD—you could join Universal Acceptance Committee. So the window is still open, you could join, you could share your efforts, it is a progress at your local communities about universal acceptance, and share knowledge or good practices with other colleagues within ccNSO. And I would like to say also that for Universal Acceptance Committee, we have many other factors that affect the progress of our community, that we need to have your ideas, your thoughts, in order to help other colleagues. We have, for example, the library, we have many topics, many reports that are related to universal acceptance. And the colleagues from Russia, for example, and I think from China as well, shared some reports about how to make your website to be universal acceptance ready. How to make your registry for your local registry to be universal acceptance ready. In detailed steps, it is very important to go for that. And recently, as I recall that, for Universal Acceptance Steering Group, EAI Work Group, they published that they have a tool to certify yourself, to certify your mail server in order to be qualified for EAI readiness. And you could have the logo after that in order to be certified for EAI readiness for the future. Thank you. Go ahead, Regina.

REGINA FUCHSOVA:

Thank you very much. So, just briefly to what we had in mind for mid-term or long-term plan, apart from different kinds of testimonials and readiness journeys case studies, we also wanted to have a look in a

more, let's say, time-consuming and resources-consuming exercises, such as a tabletop exercise. But explained to us, this is something which really needs a lot of preparatory work to be successful, or also something which already, it's not a new thing, has been done in the past and still seems to be a very good way forward, liaising with email and service providers. But here, we wanted to be really careful to align well with the Universal Acceptance Steering Group, who is doing a lot of effort in this respect as well. And also to see what could be done with local counterparts and to organize local events and really make use of the fact that ccNSO is a community of ccTLDs with strong local presence who are often really well digital ambassadors in their communities and countries. Thank you.

ABDALMONEM GALILA:

Thank you, Regina. Actually, the work items for the mid- to long-term of the work plan, we decided during ICANN79 the priority of these items. And the community members within ccTLD inside the room or inside the remote participation, we decided that we will start by the first item, followed by the fifth item. It's the community consultation Maybe you have now at the moment, you have an idea inside your mind that we need to consider for the current work of UAC that should be added. Or you have another thought that could be considered for the future activities or future work by UAC you would like to add as well. So I will open the floor for a couple of minutes. Maybe you share your thoughts about what we should consider, whatever currently or the future. It is here from the session or from the remote participation. We are open to other thoughts. Yeah, go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I think I have one question. I think we have done a lot of work, especially the chair and the vice chair, but how can we evaluate the progress of these items over this period? Yeah, because we did a lot of work, right? But do you think this work item, how can we evaluate?

BART BOSWINKEL: We didn't start with that question. That's interesting. But I think what you have is, by chance, you have a very nice way to measure progress. That's, for example, the participation of ccTLDs in UA Day events. Last year, the ccNSO or the UAC was not very involved. This year, you were involved. If I'm not mistaken, and I think—I don't know if Seda is in the room—but at least what I've seen is, as a result of the webinar, etc., and the session in Kigali, a lot of ccTLDs at least got interested, whether they've applied. But also, we saw some—what you could see in the list, there were a lot of ccTLDs who did apply for UA and who wanted to participate in UA Day events. So that's one, as a good measure of the work of the UAC. Whether this can all be attributed to the UAC is another question. Depends on your marketing strategy, I would say, but it's something you can consider. But definitely, that's one. Second one is probably, and it's too early, but it's a good question, is around the UA Day or what we're going to do in ICANN82. And it's not at that stage that you will see it, but probably if you do the same exercise in one or two years again, you will see a difference. Say, it's a bit like what the—and as you will see, I'll promote in other sessions as well, as you will note—is what the DNS Abuse session or DNS Abuse group has done, the DASC. They've done a first survey in 2020, and they've done their second one

fairly recently, and they will present the results on, I believe it's Tuesday. And I'll leave it with this cliffhanger, but it's going to be interesting. So in that sense, it takes time as well, but it's a good thing to be very aware—so thanks—that you need to be aware of what progress and what impact did the group have And I think the UA Day is probably a good example.

ABDALMONEM GALILA:

Yes, thank you, Bart. Actually, I would like to add two more things. Actually, the accumulation activities from ccTLDs related to UA Readiness Report, this year I think there is a slight change from the participation of ccTLDs in this report to response. There is high response rather than the previous year. This one of the topics. And the other one is that we already prepared for us—we already prepared a session to encourage ccTLD manager in order to submit an application for Universal Acceptance Day 2025, and there were a good participation for this session related to ccTLD. And I also would like to, maybe today or this meeting, we'll have what is going on for reviewing this proposal and to see how many proposals increased since last year from ccTLDs. Next slide, please.

BART BOSWINKEL:

Sorry, Abdalmonem, can we stay with this one? Now, if you look at the, again, the mid- to long-term actions or items on the work list, it's—I think what we could add to—so some of them have been completed, so we can, say, archive them, not show for good purpose. So that's the next version of this document. And secondly, if you look at the mid- to long-

term, I think number two, so conduct a survey, we can add a bullet to it, say that it's ongoing, because this is where you will be starting your work. And the other ones, yeah, they're still open, but at least that's one. And thirdly, based on, again, the DNS abuse survey, and probably, Regina, you've seen the same thing with the EURid survey, is resulting from something like what we do in ICANN82, you will see items evolving, coming out, and which there might be a role for the UAC to take on board. So probably it's best to revisit this list again after ICANN82, after you've done your UA readiness exercise with the community, because that's one way of taking on board the results of that, yeah, consultation.

ABDALMONEM GALILA:

Thank you, Bart. Could we go for the next slide? Actually, as I said, we could have more work items for the immediate or the future of UAC work. So if you could scan this QR code and add your ideas there about these work items, it will be good. Maybe I would highlight that maybe one of ccTLDs adds one item, and the other ccTLD found that it's already added before. Go ahead and add it again, as we would measure that as a heat in order to consider this work item. So you could go for this link and add what you would like to add for the work item of Universal Acceptance Committee. Just scan your code, you will be there. Add many as you can for these work items. And we will review all of this and acknowledge you that what we will consider for immediate or for the future work items, plans for UAC. Next slide, please.

Yeah, again, like we said before, that we have limited number of sessions before ICANN82. We have around five or six meeting sessions to prepare for the community consultation for survey and testimonials,

and others keeping in consideration that there are seasonal holidays within the time after ICANN81 until ICANN82. And considering that ICANN82 will start in the middle of Ramadan for Arab region. So usually we meet for UAC, we meet in a biweekly basis for the full community for UAC. And of course, we have other subgroups that are related to email for library to review the documents submitted for ccTLDs and by ccTLDs in order to publish it and review it carefully. So we'll start our meeting after ICANN81 by 27th of November. And we'll keep working until we reach out to ICANN82. Next slide. I will invite now my colleague, Regina, to go ahead for closing of the session as we are at the top of the hour by two minutes. Thank you.

REGINA FUCHSOVA:

Thank you very much, Abdalmonem. I think the best is to make use of the remaining one or two minutes to again invite all the participants here in the room and remotely to, first of all, have a look at the library, see if there is something which could be shared, which is really very much appreciated. And also to find the mailing list if you haven't done so.

Then another, let's say, kind request from us is to go to the link which Abdalmonem shared and let us know what the priorities would be so that we are as useful and as practical as possible to the community and really concentrate on the value added so that we can see some progress in concrete engagement of ccTLDs and their progress in the local communities with IDNs and universal acceptance.

And again, this is not a group only for those who already work on UA topics, but also those who are at the beginning of a journey or even still considering if to enable IDNs or not, because we are well aware that in some countries for some communities it is still a topic if to go or not at all. So please let us know where would you see the most value added, and we will be more than happy to welcome you at one or all of our sessions, as well as over email. You can reach out to us as well.

Thank you very much.

ABDALMONEM GALILA:

Thank you. Yeah, at the same time, you could reach out to any of UAC members who are working as ambassadors for universal acceptance for ccTLDs, not so for the bigger one. Okay, thank you very much. See you.

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