

# UASG work monthly report

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## **UASG Coordination WG Progress**

### **Agenda Item A: New ambassador applications**

The Coordination WG received the applications of three Ambassador applicants, one from Bangladesh, one from India, and one from Nigeria. Currently, all ambassador budgets have been assigned to existing ambassadors. There are multiple ambassadors from Nigeria and India, whereas no ambassadors.

Based on the above, the Working Group discussed the following:

- Whether the new ambassador could work without a budget when this year's budget has been allocated, or wait until the approval is completed in the next fiscal year.
- Should the selection of Ambassadors take more account of the principle of geographical diversity, and if the three new Ambassadors' applications are now approved, could Bangladesh, which has no previous Ambassadors, be provided with additional support to help it to carry out its work?
- Suggest that due diligence for UA Ambassadors include an assessment of contribution and tenure, or an online interview. Besides receiving ICANN training upon entry, it is suggested that current ambassadors

should also develop the ability to present to different audiences to increase their visibility and influence.

Opinions have been fully collected, and the final review of the ambassador's qualifications will be completed by the administrative working group.

### **Agenda Item B: Recommendation for the location of Global UA Day**

Anil asked for a status update on the UA Day proposals in general and for global UA Day. Seda shared that there are around 130 proposals in general, and only one Global UA Day proposal from Serbia, and that was sent by Maria. Next Maria shared the general overview of how UA Day is planned in Serbia. In follow-up discussion, the WG endorsed Maria's proposal, and the Coordinating Working Group will formally report the UA Global Day proposal to ICANN subsequently.

### **Agenda Item C: SoI implementation**

Previously, the focus of the discussion on the implementation of SOI in UASG was that UASG as an open organization where everyone could join, learn about UA and participate in voting, whether the scope of the implementation of the SOI would be an all-member mailing list or only at the management level. As expressed in the ICANN78 conversation with executives, there is a consensus among all UASG members to implement the SOI and it was agreed upon in this discussion. The next step will be for UASG management to send a formal email to ICANN to implement SOI across all UASG membership.

**Agenda Item D: UASG Governance: occupying more than one position at UASG Leadership positions**

Anil mentioned that the positions for UASG leaders should be only for one role and suggested implementing this from the next financial year. Anil raised the following questions for the members to comment on.

With regard to the length of the UASG leadership term, whether the Vice-Chair could take on the chairmanship of other working groups, and whether the bylaws needed further discussion, there was insufficient time for discussion from the floor. There was only general agreement that a one-term cycle of leadership might not be sufficient to fulfill the mandate. Other elements will continue to be discussed in subsequent meetings.

**Agenda Item E: UA proposal**

The UASG has formed a sub-working group to review the UA proposal, and according to the roadmap, the review will be completed by January 15.