

UASG

Business Plan and Budget

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The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) was established in early 2015 with the goal of facilitating and accelerating all computer systems to make necessary adaptations to ensure that all Top Level Domains are as accepted as any others.

Background

The Internet Domain Name space started changing markedly in 2010 when the first non-ASCII names were delegated. In 2013 there was a huge transformation as literally hundreds of new Top Level domains started entering production. And these names, including IDNs, are different enough that existing systems of acceptance, validation, storage, processing and display need to be updated to accommodate the new environment.

In early 2015, nearly five years after the delegation of the first IDN Top Level Domains, the UASG was formed as a community of participants who agreed to work together to address the challenges around Universal Acceptance and to encourage all software developments to accept all domain names.

The UASG consists of:

- 1 Chair
- 3 Vice-Chairs
- 1 to 2 Coordinators for four Project Groups
- Volunteers who are participating in the various project groups.

ICANN has agreed to provide support for the UASG.

One of the challenging aspects for the UASG is that it can only act a catalyst, a cheerleader, a facilitator. The work will actually need to be done by others who will have their own priorities and resources.

The UASG accepts that achievement of its objectives will take considerable time.

2015-09-18 The UASG will use standard ICANN RFP & Procurement processes to secure resources.