At-Large’s Subsequent Procedures Scorecard: 
Universal Acceptance (UA)

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At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) Call
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# Universal Acceptance (UA)

**Priority:** HIGH

- **Settled On:**

**Related:** Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)

**Key Issues:**
1. How to improve promotion of UA by the ICANN Community and
2. Advocate for wider adoption of UA in the Internet community

**Policy Goals:**
- Awareness of issues related to Universal Acceptance should be increased
- Initiatives related to Universal Acceptance should be supported and promoted, as appropriate

**Assigned CCT-RT Rec’s:** None

## What has SubPro PDP WG concluded?

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<th>What will/might SubPro PDP WG recommend?</th>
<th>Is this acceptable? If not, why so?</th>
<th>What else needs to be done and by/with whom?</th>
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<td>1. Support for amending Principle B: “Some new gTLDs should be IDNs subject to the approval of IDNs being available in the root.”¹</td>
<td>Amend to “Some new gTLDs should be IDNs, although applicants should be made aware of UA challenges in ASCII and IDN TLDs and given access to all applicable information about UA currently maintained on ICANN’s Universal Acceptance Initiative page, through the UASG, as well as future efforts.”</td>
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<td>2. Some say no additional work should be proposed beyond</td>
<td>There is some pushback on this, which may lead to a recommendation of some sort.</td>
<td>The conclusion is strongly supported. Contrastingly, it would</td>
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¹ GNSO’s Final Report on the Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains
that being done by the UA Initiative and UASG.

For eg. BC and ALAC have indicated ways for pushing the UA agenda further.

be beneficial to have a clear recommendation for UA.

- In addition to supporting and encouraging the work of the UASG, ICANN should invest in being itself able and ready to communicate to registrants and end-users in languages/scripts for LGRs have been released under the IDN Variant TLD Implementation
- ICANN should strongly encourage Registries and Registrars which are owned by the same entity to be UA ready in any new gTLD applications. Rationale being it is easier for such entities to ensure cross-entity systems are ready IDN registrations, ready to handle IDN and non-IDN New gTLDs consistently on nameservers, and to manage EAI (i.e. `<nativelanguage>@<idn>.<idn>` as part of the contact information and be able to send and receive emails of these type of addresses; and be able to take affirmative action to ensure their suppliers are also UA ready
- **What else?**

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<td>PENDING ISSUES:</td>
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