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

## CPWG SubPro Small Team

- At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) Call
  Wednesday, 19 February 2020, 13:00 UTC
- At-Large IDN Working Group circulation

## FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES

| Topic/Area: | **[12] UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE (UA)** | | Priority: | **HIGH** | Settled On: | |
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| Related: | • Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) [2.7.5]<br>• Systems [2.4.3]<br>• Universal Acceptance Initiative and UASG | | | | | |
| Key Issues: | How to:<br>(1) improve promotion of UA by the ICANN Community and<br>(2) advocate for wider adoption of UA in the Internet community | | | | | |
| Policy Goals: | • Awareness of issues related to Universal Acceptance should be increased<br>• Initiatives related to Universal Acceptance should be supported and promoted, as appropriate | | | | | |
| Assigned CCT-RT Rec's: | None | | | | | |
| References: | • SubPro PDP WG Foundational Issues_Summary Document, 7 January 2020<br>• Working Document_SubPro Draft Final Recommendations, 16 February 2020 | | | | | |
| What has SubPro PDP WG concluded? | **What will/might SubPro PDP WG recommend?** | | Is this acceptable? If not, why so? | | What else needs to be done and by/with whom? | |
| 1.  Support for UA initiative | <u>Affirmation</u>:  WG welcomes and encourages the work of the UA Initiative and the UASG. | | Yes. | | | |
| | <u>Affirmation</u>, per 2012 round:  WG affirms 2012 implementation elements addressing UA issues, and in particular, guidance per s.1.2.4 AGB ("Notice concerning Technical Acceptance Issues with New | | | | | |

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| | gTLDs"), as well as cl. 1.2 of the RA ("Technical Feasibility of String"). | | |
| 2. Support for amending Principle B: *"Some new gTLDs should be IDNs subject to the approval of IDNs being available in the root."* [1] | Recommendation: WG recommends revising Principle B to read *"Some new gTLDs should be IDNs. Applicants should be made aware of UA challenges in ASCII and IDN TLDs. They should be 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."* <br><br> Implementation Guidance: ICANN should include more detailed info re UA issues either directly in the AGB or by reference to the AGB to additional resources produced by the UASG or other related efforts. | Yes, with suggested amendment that applicants MUST (instead of "should") be given access to all applicable information about UA etc. | |
| **What has SubPro PDP WG concluded?** | **What SubPro PDP WG will likely omit?** | **Is this acceptable? If not, why so?** | **What else needs to be done and by/with whom?** |
| 3. Some say no additional work should be proposed beyond that being done by the UA Initiative and UASG. | There is some pushback on this via PC feeback. <br><br> For eg. BC and ALAC have indicated ways for pushing the UA agenda further. | The conclusion is strongly supported. Contrastingly, it would be beneficial to have a clear recommendation for UA. | Could be further input to SubPro WG and/or Advice to Board to cover/include: <br><br> • 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 |

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[1] GNSO's Final Report on the Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains

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| | | | end-users in languages/scripts for LGRs have been released under the IDN Variant TLD Implementation<br>• 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<br>• What else? |
| PENDING ISSUES: | SubPro PDP WG reaction | Anything missing? | What else needs to be done and by/with whom? |
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| Position: | | | |