

UA EAI WG Meeting

16 July 2024

Attendees

Mark Svancarek	Letsatsi Lekhooa
Abdalmonem Galila	İbrahim Tchakala
Nitin Walia	Nosipho Nandipha Ntsaluba
Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong	Sushanta Sinha
Harsha Wijayawardhana	Arnt Gulbrandsen
Jim DeLaHunt	Seda Akbulut
John Levine	

Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Continue working on the EAI Self-Certification Program - [Plan Document](#)

Meeting recording: [Link](#); Passcode: E3zytR%P8u

Meeting Notes

Mark started the meeting by giving some updates about the reasons for the break in the EAI WG meetings. Due to market changes ICANN org faced [some difficulties](#) which led to layoffs, reduced travel and meeting support. There are also discussions about changes to UASG Governance and structure. A 5-year strategic plan exists but wasn't discussed in detail. A call is made to document and share these updates more broadly within the organization. Mark added that governance issues being raised is also related to the chair terms. While these are still in discussion, with slow progress, a transition plan may be needed after all. One impact would be that there would be 2 EAI WG meetings per month.

Agenda#2: EAI Self-Certification Program

Nitin shared there can be some clarity on the EAI self-certification Program on the UASG EAI page. Seda shared that the web page already shows it as a Program. Mark said it looks clear, but any further clarity could be suggested for further edits. Though we don't have direct control on the website edits. It may be better to do it when we start working on this topic.

Mark went through the [Plan Document](#). He shared that we should focus on the work that we can control and implement rather than the things that are maintained by ICANN org. Publication of the scores is being reviewed by the ICANN legal team.

Item "E2.3. Items related to score Submission processes", for instance, is not entirely under UASG's control, and is being reviewed by the ICANN Legal team as it has some gray areas and Arnt may have limited resources to support. Arnt shared that while he may join less number of meetings he may be still able to support answering the questions about the scoring and guide.

Arnt added that the Legal team is overworked on this. They have a good attitude where they share what the risks are and where some questions are not ours to decide but rather by the prior policies. Suggested collecting links to the submitter's webpages? Mark agreed that it may be a good process.

Mark noted that complaining about problems is counterproductive.

Arnt added that we could ask a question for legal team to consider that we just set a page that collects links to publish results by others, by explicitly saying that these are links to external sites. The link was verified to work when we added it, but we make no statement about what it contains at the time of reading. Mark supported the idea.

“E2.5 Items related to self-certifier using logo and promoting scores” item is more of an EAI WG would need to stick to, as this is more within the control area.

Nitin asked the status of self certification logos and whether it can be used by anyone who certifies a product. Upon Seda’s question, Nitin clarified that it will be under disclosure whatever the Logos which are being used by somebody are based on the scores which they have submitted. Nitin added that logo arts were done at ICANN76 by his team.

Nitin shared that there would/should not be any licensing policy because they are not available to anybody else. They are specifically being created for this specific use. ICANN legal can check and decide on whether any licensing agreement is needed. If they need any declaration from our side, Nitin shared they can give it to make it free to use.

Logos are to be displayed on the EAI page for each level, scoring tool should also include the logo. Nitin mentioned about two approaches:

- 1) that the logos may be available offline based on the results; it can be provided in high quality resolution.
- 2) Logos can be made available on the code generating page. Once anybody qualifies, they can download and use them with a disclaimer.

Nosipha asked questions about the budget of EAI WG and the objectives and the UA curriculum. Mark identified the EAI WG’s objective and directed to Measurement WG for curriculum work. Mark explained how the budgeting worked, he explained the EAI self-certification guide and score generator: that we need to download the spreadsheet first and then test the system and then type fail or pass results on the scorecard to come up with a result.

Seda and Arnt mentioned that budget is not an issue EAI WG should be worried about as these are discussed in Coordination WG hours already. Seda suggested doing some parallel work by developing SOWs so that the vendors can work in parallel with us as we do some work on the EAI program. So we may complete more work at the same time. Mark and Nitin shared that the problem is not budget, but problem is that WG is unable to use all funds. But we are becoming more disciplined in getting things done.

Mark suggested adhering to a standing agenda in each meeting:

Agenda:

1. Organizational updates (Action Plan)
2. Track works in progress with the vendor (when available)
3. EAI Self-Certification Program

The team also concluded on the next meeting date and time as follows.

Next meeting: Tuesday 6 August 2024 at 11:00 UTC

Action items

No.	Action Item	Owner
1	Check with the ICANN legal to use logos on blogs, EAI page and on the score generator. Whether to make it available to anyone with a disclaimer, or to provide after the results. And whether we need a licensing agreement or disclaimer with Nitin’s team for the logo art.	Staff
2	Add Plan Document to 5 year plans to make it visible	Staff
3	Add the timeline for each action on the Plan Document (by inserting comments)	MarkSv