

# Expected Standards of Behavior

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Those who take part in UASG meetings and discussions undertake to:

- Act within the mission and charter of the UASG and in the spirit cooperation.
- Declare actual or potential conflicts of interest and coincidents of interest.
- Treat all members of the UASG community equally, irrespective of nationality, gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or beliefs, disability, age, or sexual orientation; members of the community should treat each other with civility both face-to-face and online.
- Act in a reasonable, objective and informed manner when participating in development and decision-making processes. This includes regularly attending all scheduled meetings and exercising independent judgment based solely on what is in the overall best interest of Internet users and with respect to the Universal Acceptance issues, irrespective of personal interests and the interests of the entity to which an individual might owe their appointment.
- Solicit and listen to the views of all parties when considering issues. The UASG is a multi-stakeholder environment. Those who take part in the UASG must acknowledge the importance of all stakeholders and seek to understand their points of view.
- Work to build consensus with other stakeholders in order to find solutions to the issues that fall within the areas of UASG's responsibility. Those who take part in the UASG process must take responsibility for ensuring the success of the model by trying to build consensus with other participants.
- Facilitate transparency and openness when participating in development and decision-making processes.
- Support the maintenance of robust mechanisms for public input, accountability, and transparency so as to ensure that development and decision-making processes will reflect the public interest and be accountable to all stakeholders.
- Focus on the task to hand
- Act fairly and in good faith with other participants in the UASG.
- Promote ethical and responsible behavior. Ethics and integrity are essential, and the UASG expects all stakeholders to behave in a responsible and principled way.
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