

UA Ambassador WG

03 October 2022

Attendees:

Abdalmonem Galila
Abdulkarim Oloyede
Harish Chowdhary
Malick A.
Sushanta Sinha
Seda Akbulut
Yin May Oo

Agenda

- Welcome message (2 Min)
- ICANN75 activities (5 Min)
- Planning for the UA day (35 Min)
- UA ambassadors future activity plan (15 Min)
- AOB (3 Min)

Meeting Recording:

<https://icann.zoom.us/rec/share/p6EG1Y9BU5jLimnRcHO5ROHL-anxFTZxrhsPKhNIIYeX585tKKNYCF3HOE4QywrY.IM8QXizkHxeo9cp8>

Meeting Notes

Abdalmonem started with the first agenda topic, about the ICANN75 UA sessions. He shared that there were many sessions and updates on UA at ICANN75. He added that Abdalmonem was appointed as an alternative representative of GAC.

At the UASG session, “Driving local change for UA Adoption Globally”, he summarized the slides he presented:

- He talked about the challenges for UA ambassadors and mentioned the EAI aspects too.
- One challenge was that there were a limited number of ambassadors.
- He touched on the key activities realized by UA ambassadors. He apologized that he could not mention all important activities that the UA ambassadors conducted due to the limited time at the session.

Abdalmonem moved to another UA session, ccNSO and Universal Acceptance. HE asked Seda to summarize that event and asked about the collaboration topic mentioned in that session. Seda mentioned that ccNSO discussed it will require other community groups' to work on UA (ALAC,GAC, etc). Anil had mentioned that an advisory group could be set up for UA Adoption, but Dusan from Gransy Registrar mentioned that it may be better if ccNSO members join UASG. These were topics discussed about collaboration at that session.

Abdalmonem moved to GAC sessions at ICANN75. After ICANN75, GAC released a Communique <https://gac.icann.org/contentMigrated/icann75-kuala-lumpur-communicue> Abdalmonem asked them to include UA in this document.

Harish mentioned that he sent a UA-Day proposal to Sarmad and Seda and asked when he will get a response. He mentioned that he is planning to conduct a workshop every month. Seda responded that the proposals will be reviewed once the UA Day plan is finalized. It may take at least 2-3 weeks considering the next UA Day meeting is in two weeks of time.

Sushanta asked about the funding cut and asked if they need to work with Local Initiatives (LIs) to get the funding for their events for UA day. Seda clarified that there is no restriction for UA ambassadors to work with LIs for UA Day. Sushanta further asked for the events that are outside of UA Day events, they have to work with LIs but this is not possible all the time. They need to get the funding from ICANN.

Abdalmonem had earlier mentioned to Sarmad that LIs should be asked to work with UA ambassadors. Seda added that they work with LIs based on a contract that is renewed annually. And they may wish to work with LIs during the renewal process if they plan to collaborate that way. However, ICANN does not guarantee payments being done through LIs.

Sushanta further added that if they are supposed to plan an event in November, they should know from October if they are funded or not. In order for future planning, further clarification was asked. Seda will explore this.

Sushanta asked how the Lis can travel for ICANN75. Seda responded that those who travelled to ICANN75 were speakers at the UASG events and only for that

reason the travel was funded. Even some ICANN staff are not funded at the ICANN75 as we are still on hybrid mode.

Sushanta asked if they also need other kinds of support from ICANN or UASG such as banners, logo, content, etc. Seda asked everyone to send an email to her whenever they need anything so that she works with the ICANN Comms team to produce the materials according to your needs.

Malick asked if there is a deadline for submitting the UA Day proposals. Seda responded that there is no defined deadline yet. Abdalmonem added that the UA Day is an annual day that will repeat every year.

Abdalmonem mentioned that by the next meeting which is two weeks from now, he will draft a template for UA ambassadors to review and submit their UA Day plan, including the stakeholders in their countries.

Harish said that he has done a research paper on Universal Acceptance which was approved by IEEE Journal on Technology and Society. In order to register to IEEE, the fee is USD 200. He asked whether this can be paid by ICANN or UASG. Seda responded that he needed to refer to the UA ambassadors Program charter published on uasg.tech for funding criteria about this. <https://uasg.tech/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/UA-Ambassadors-18-01-15.pdf>

Action items

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1	Get clarifications on how ICANN will fund future events for UA ambassadors for UA Day and other events.	Seda
2	Draft a template for UA ambassadors to review and submit their plan, including the stakeholders in their countries	Abdalmonem
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