AFRALO ICANN79 Readout
Universal Acceptance (UA) Overview

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Universal Acceptance

Considerations for Shortlisting Proposals

A shortlisting committee, comprising some volunteered members of the UASG Coordination WG and SOs/ACs, **who have no conflict of interest**, conducted the shortlisting process based on the following consensus-based criteria:

1. Geo diversity; every country and region gets at least one event.

    * Encourage combining events in the region/country/language.

2. Given priority to adoption, training and curricula events.

3. Given priority to the new countries and regions.

4. Events from UASG leaders, and different parts of ICANN (SO/AC) are supported.

5. Focus on maximum coverage and maximum language.

6. Number and diversity of audience (e.g., technical, community, government, academia).

7. Amount of financial support requested.

Suggestion for the African Community

1. Africa has the largest number of local languages in the world. Ghana alone has over 46 local languages.

2. Need to initiate UA Local Initiatives at the national and regional levels.

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