## ccNSO Universal Acceptance Webinar 18 September 2024 | 13:00 UTC

**past and future UA Day events, by and for ccTLDs** Session chair: Abdalmonem Galila (.مصر), Chair UAC

- Welcome
- Looking back: ccTLD events for UA Day 2024
  - Seda Akbulut, ICANN org
  - Anawin Pongsaboripat, .th
  - Margarita Valdes, .cl
- Call for event proposals UA Day 2025
  - Seda Akbulut, ICANN org
- Wrap-up and closure









Universal Acceptance (UA) is the concept of treating all domain names equally and ensuring that they are recognized, accepted, and functional across all internet applications, systems, and devices.



# Purpose ccNSO UA Committee (UAC)







Focus on topics related to UA and IDNs

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Share information by and for ccTLDs

Liaise with other groups under the ICANN umbrella

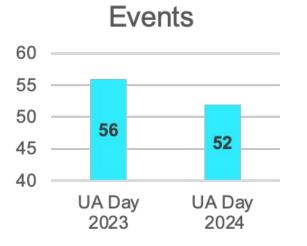
# Looking back: UA Day 2024

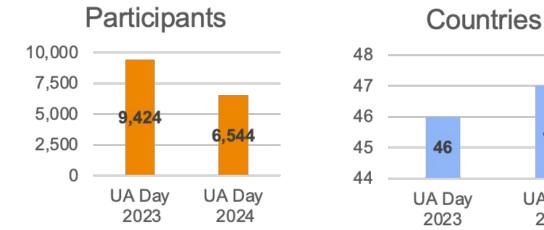
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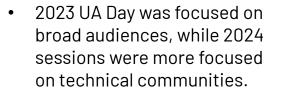
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# **Highlights of Past UA Days**

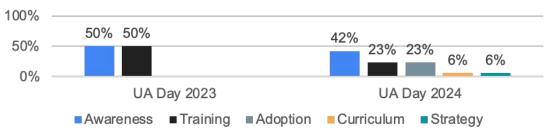








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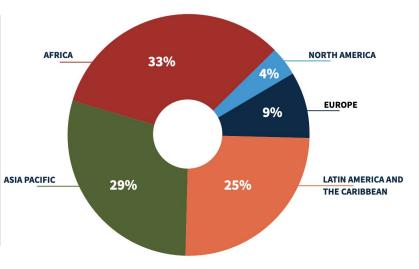


### Focus Areas

# **UA Day 2024 Proposals and Shortlist**

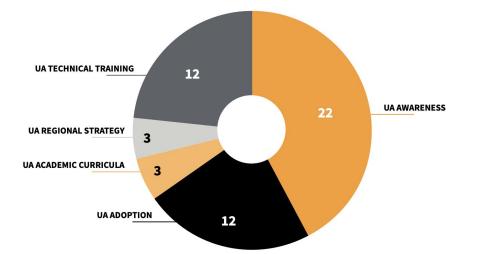
- UA Day: <u>https://UniversalAcceptance.day</u>.
- <u>Universal Acceptance (UA) Day 2024 Report (in 6 UN languages)</u>
- ICANN and the UASG <u>announced</u> a <u>call for UA Day event proposals</u> on 1 November 2023 with 15 December 2023 as the last date for proposal submission.

Region	Proposals	Shortlisted	Organized
AF	43	19	17
APAC	33	16	15
EUR	10	5	5
LAC	42	14	13
NA	5	2	2

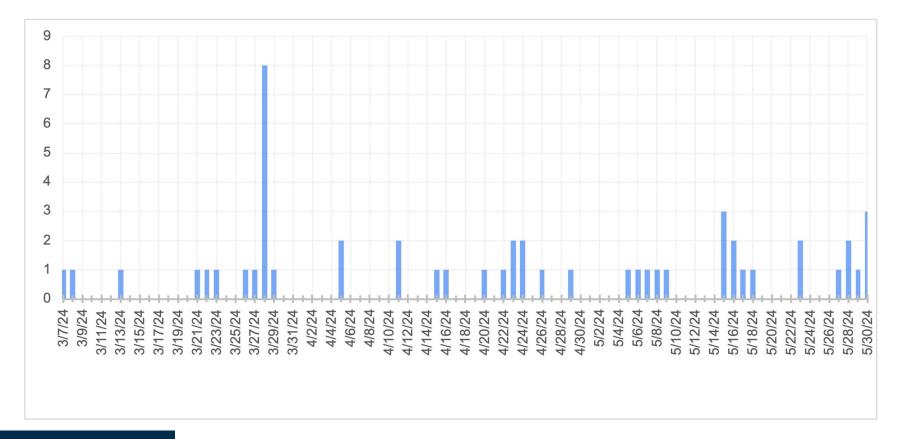


# UA Day 2024 By Type

EVENT TYPE	AF	APAC	EUR	LAC	NA	TOTAL
UA Regional Strategy	1	1	1	0	0	3
UA Academic Curricula	1	1	0	2	0	3
UA Adoption	3	3	0	4	0	12
<b>UA Awareness</b>	4	4	4	5	1	22
UA Technical Training	8	8	0	2	1	12



# UA Day 2024 Events by Date

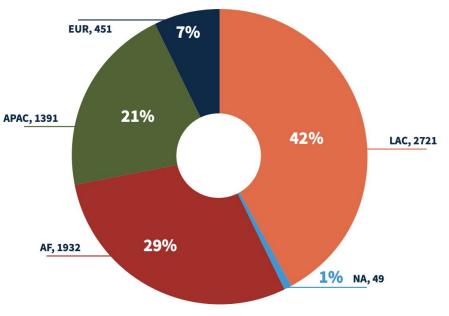


# **UA Day 2024 Participants**

UA Day events were able to create significant awareness around the world and featured a total of **6,544** participants across the globe.

These participants represented many different stakeholders, including:

- o Businesses.
- Governments and telecom regulators.
- Civil society and non-government. organizations, including At-Large Structures and Internet Society chapters.
- Intergovernmental Organizations.
- o IT companies and technology startups.
- o DNS industry.
- Internet service providers and hosting providers.
- Academia, including faculty and students.



# UA Day 2024 Keystone Event

- The keystone UA Day event was announced on 31 January 2024.
- The day-long event was held in Belgrade, Serbia, on 28 March in partnership with the Serbian National Internet Domain Registry Foundation (RNIDS).
- Opening session:
  - Mihailo Jovanović, Serbian Minister of Information and Telecommunication.
  - o Dejan Đukić, CEO of RNIDS.
  - Danko Jevtović, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors at ICANN.
- Multilingual Internet as an Imperative for Digital Inclusion:
  - Sally Costerton, ICANN Interim President and CEO.
  - o Anil Kumar Jain, Chair, UASG.
  - Leonid Todorov, General Manager, Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association.
  - Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of the International Telecommunications Office (ITU) Office for Europe.
  - Bhanu Neupane, UNESCO.
- Additional sessions showcasing UA adoption, UA curriculum and UA technical training.

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# UA Day 2024 Keystone Event



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Photos of UA Day events at: <u>https://www.flickr.com/photos/icann/albums/72177720318754554</u>.

# UA Day 2024 Events



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# **UA Day 2024 Events Materials**

Welcome videos: <u>Tripti Sinha, Chair of the ICANN Board</u> <u>Sally Costerton, ICANN Interim President and CEO</u> <u>Theresa Swinehart, ICANN Senior Vice President, Global Domains & Strategy</u> <u>Anil Kumar Jain, Chair of the UASG</u>

Promotional Videos: <u>UA Community (English)</u> <u>UA Community (English and Multilingual)</u>

UA Day materials (with translations): <u>Awareness Presentation-2hr (AR, ES, FR, PT, RU, ZH)</u> <u>Academic Curriculum Roadmap Development</u>, (<u>AR, ES, FR, PT, RU, ZH)</u> <u>Programming Training for UA-4hr (AR, ES, FR, PT, RU, ZH)</u> <u>Email Administration Training for UA-4hr (AR, ES, FR, PT, RU, ZH)</u> <u>UA Adoption Event Requirements</u>

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# UA Day 2024 Events by Location

- A total of 52 UA Day events were organized across 47 countries.
- **Africa:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
- Asia Pacific: Armenia, Bangladesh, China, India, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and United Arab Emirates.
- **Europe:** France, North Macedonia, Serbia, Spain, and Switzerland.
- Latin America and Caribbean: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Haiti, México, Panamá St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay.
- North America: United States of America.
- UA Day events were held in more than 23 languages, including Amharic, Arabic, Armenian, Bangla, Bemba, Burmese, Chinese, English, French, Haitian Creole, Hindi, Korean, Lao, Macedonian, Nyanja, Portuguese, Serbian, Sesotho, Sinhala, Spanish, Swahili, Tamil, and Thai.

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# UA Day 2024 Outreach and Media Coverage

- ICANN conducted comprehensive communications outreach.
- An announcement and a press release were published in English and translations in Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish:
  - <u>UA Day 2024: Call for Proposals</u> on 1 November 2023.
  - o <u>Press Release: UA Day 2024: Driving a Multilingual Internet through Universal Acceptance</u> on 31 January 2024.
- The ICANN UA Day 2024 press release was replicated exactly by 455 media outlets
  - Reaching a total potential audience of 115.1 million.
  - Viewed more than 6,300 times.
  - Garnered over 1850 "click throughs" to the published release.
- Several interviews with ICANN's Sally Costerton were conducted during UA Day keystone in Serbia, including online, print, and broadcast resulting in broad local coverage.
  - RNIDS, created a UA Day event video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=es5cs0HHWNs</u>.
- Many local event organizers promoted their UA day events to local journalists and social media channels for their region.

### Who is THNIC?

- We are an organization responsible for managing the ".th" country code top-level domain (ccTLD) and ".ไทย" (Thai-script domain)
- Our mission includes fostering the Thai internet community, advancing technical expertise, and promoting the use of Thai language on the internet.
- We also works on initiatives to support Universal Acceptance (UA), ensuring that all domain names and email addresses, regardless of language, are treated equally by internet systems





## UA Day Thailand 2024

• We organized the UA Day event under the theme :

"The importance of the Thai language in electronic government practices and setting up an email server with EAI support on Ubuntu."

- Event Type:
  - Webinar discussion with representatives from various government agencies, including the Thailand National Cyber Security Agency (NCSA), the Digital Government Development Agency (DGA), and the Thai Network Information Center Foundation (THNICF)
  - $\circ$   $\hfill A$  workshop titled "Setting up an email server with EAI support on Ubuntu."

### UA Day Thailand 2024 - Webinar



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### UA Day Thailand 2024 - Shortlink Statistics (August 2024)

ผู้ใช้งาน	302	ลิงก์	3,847	ผู้เข้าชมลิงก์
รอเปิดใช้งาน	21	รอเปิดใช้งาน	209	
เปิดใช้งาน	279	เปิดใช้งาน	3,570	530,612
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### UA Day Thailand 2024 - Workshop



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### UA Day Thailand 2024 - Workshop Result

### Tuk Tuk Mail

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- ภาษาไทย และภาษาต่างประเทศ
  - ราพัฒนาอย่างต่อเนื่องเพื่อนำเสนอฟีเจอร์ใหม่ๆ ในอนาคต เพื่อประสบการณ์ที่ดีของผู้ใช้

Tuk Tuk Mail



#### สแกน ตรวจสอบ ป้องกัน กับ NaxSolution

ในยุคที่การสื่อสารผ่านอึเมลมีความสำคัญมากขึ้น ระบบ "Tuk Tuk Mail" จาก NaxSolution ถูกออกแบบมาเพื่อให้คุณได้รับประสบการณ์การใช้อีเมล ที่ปลอดภัย และมีประสิทธิภาพสูงสุดด้วยฟีเจอร์การใช้งานที่ง่ายดาย และความปลอดภัยสูง เรามีบริการ Webmail, Anti-Virus และรองรับ Universal Email Address.

ไม่ว่าคุณจะเป็นองค์กรขนาดใหญ่หรือธุรกิจขนาดเล็ก "Tuk Tuk Mail" สามารถตอบโจทย์ความต้องการของคุณได้ ด้วยระบบที่เสถียรและทีมงาน ที่พร้อมให้บริการ เพื่อให้คุณมั่นใจได้ว่าอีเมลและเอกสารสำคัญของคุณ จะได้รับการปกป้องอย่างเต็มที่ และสามารถใช้งานได้อย่างไม่มีสะดุด

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### Credit: https://www.naxsolution.com/service-email

### UA Day Thailand 2024 - Success Stories

- Collaborating with government agencies has increased user confidence and interest in using Thai domain names and email addresses. It has also raised awareness and the importance of Thai domain and email usage among government entities.
- Nax Solution, a Thai email provider, has developed a system that supports Thai domains and email addresses at a Gold Level standard.

### UA Day Thailand 2024 - Challenge

- Working with government agencies can be quite difficult. If the issue is not something the agency is interested in or prioritizes, they tend to show little interest. It's important to find topics that interest government agencies and incorporate Universal Acceptance into the conversation.
- Finding email providers interested in developing systems to support Thai domain names and email addresses is quite challenging. The main reason is the small user base, making it not worth the investment. Therefore, we all need to work together to raise awareness and emphasize the importance of Universal Acceptance in order to expand the user base.

## UA Day 2025 Tips

### • Clear Goals:

• Promote Universal Acceptance (UA) for local language domains and email systems.

### • Engage Stakeholders:

- Involve developers, businesses, government, and educational institutions.
- Collaborate with global partners like ICANN and UASG.

### • Interactive Sessions:

- Workshops: Hands-on training for UA implementation.
- Case Studies: Highlight successful UA adoption.

### • **Promotional Strategy:**

- Pre-event marketing via social media and local tech communities.
- Engage media for wider outreach.

### • Post-Event Actions:

 $\circ$   $\qquad$  Share outcomes and create a support forum for ongoing UA adoption.

# **A & Q**

UA Day Event in Chile: The way to inclusive Internet: Governance and Universal Acceptance

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Margarita Valdés, NIC Chile, ccNSO.

Humberto Carrasco, Universidad Católica del Norte, LAC Ralo member.

# The event

- One day event, hybrid, organized by Universidad Católica del Norte, campus Coquimbo. (https://aceptacionuniversal.ucn.cl/)
- 2 main themes: Internet Governance and Acceptance Universal
  - In the Internet Governance part we discussed how Policies and decision processes affect the Internet, addressing the governance structure global, regulatory challenges and the role of the entities involved.
  - The section of Universal Acceptance (half-day duration) we highlighted the benefits of being prepared for the UA, will explain basic technical concepts and provide guides to achieve the UA support.





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# Agenda

#### Openings:

Words of welcome, by Prof. Juan Pablo Severín, Law School , UCN.

#### **First Session: Internet Governance**

"Challenges of Universal Acceptance and Internet Governance", Patricio Poblete, ICANN Board member.

Q & A to Patricio Poblete. Moderator: Melanie Freres.

"LACTLD and its contribution to Internet Governance in the LAC region." , Luis Arancibia, LACTLD

"Internet Governance: What Does It Really Mean?" por Humberto Carrasco, UCN LACRALO

Round table with Luis Arancibia and Humberto Carrasco. Moderator: Melanie Freres.

#### Second session: Universal Acceptance

Introduction by Harold Arcos, Presidente de LACRALO.

"Programs and Solutions for Universal Acceptance" por Rodrigo de la Parra, VP LAC ICANN.

"Domain Name System: From IDN to UA" por Margarita Valdés, NIC Chile

"Strategies for Universal Acceptance in Latin America and Chile" por Luis Sergio Valle.

Q&A about Universal Acceptance. Moderator: María José Tapia.

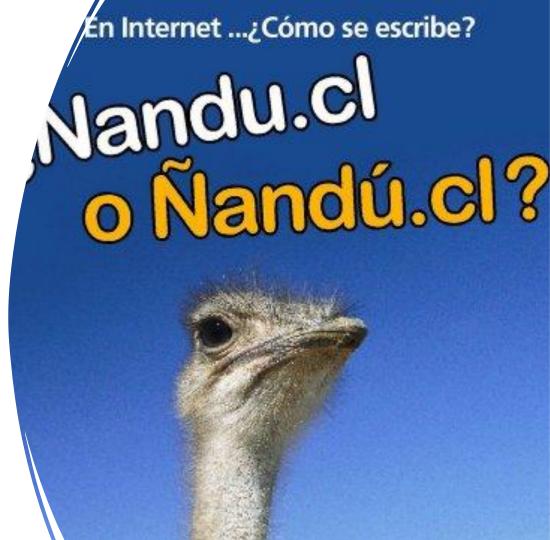
Closing words and final reflections: Humberto Carrasco, Decano de la Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas.

Sistema de Nombres de Dominio: Desde IDN hasta UA

Margarita Valdés NIC Chile Universidad de Chile Mayo, 2024 mvaldes@ñandú.cl







# ¿Cómo funciona UA para el usuario?

1.- Cuando una dirección IDN funciona como email:

mvaldes@ñandú.cl

2.- Cuando una dirección IDN funciona para un sitio:

### www.ñandú.cl

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3.- Cuando una dirección IDN es "aceptada" en un registro:

### mvaldes@ñandú.cl

(hoy no es aceptada como "dirección válida")



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# Conclusions

- Very good presenters but most of the presentations overlapped about the "state of the art".
- We agreed about the lack of knowledge about UA
- We need to start conversations with the different industries that are not aware about the composition of domain names and UA names that can be used in an email address
- Participation (in person and online) was low
- We need more "communication actions" to spread UA

# Looking ahead: UA Day 2025

Seda Akbulut UA Program Manager



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# Looking ahead: UA Day 2025

- <u>Call for Proposals for UA Day 2025</u> announced on 26 August 2024.
  - Submit an event proposal through the <u>UA Day Event Proposal Form</u>.
- Last date to submit is 11 October 2024.
  - o Quick link: <u>https://UniversalAcceptance.day</u>.
  - Further information: <u>info@uasg.tech</u> or <u>UAProgram@icann.org</u>.
- Types of events:
  - $\circ$  UA Awareness
  - o UA Technical Training
  - o UA Strategy
  - o UA Academic Curricula
  - $\circ$  UA Adoption
- Materials and resources will be provided, including presentations, videos and support.
- Trainers available, based on availability.

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## **Tentative UA Day 2025 Plans**



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# **Guidelines For Application**

•An organization submitting a proposal for technical and financial support or using ICANN logo must be considered a legal entity under its relevant jurisdiction.

- The proposal form must be submitted by an authorized signatory of the organization.
- The organization requesting for funding should have a bank account in its name and is able to receive payments in USD.
- •The proposal form must state the organization's full name.
- Proposals must be submitted by **11 October 2024.**
- •Even if you don't need a technical/financial support and the ICANN logo, please still submit this proposal form if you are hosting a UA Day event so that your UA Day event will be listed on the relevant webpages, and your UA Day event will be included in the UA Day Report.

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# UA Day 2025: How Can ccTLDs Contribute?

- Help disseminate the call for proposals for UA Day 2025.
- Submit proposals for UA Day events on <u>https://universalacceptance.day/</u> or participate in the UA Day events in your region or country.
- Encourage UA adoption activities and events where feasible.
- Disseminate the shortlisted proposals and encourage participation in them. Shortlisted events will be published in December on <a href="https://universalacceptance.day/">https://universalacceptance.day/</a>.

# Thank You

## Go-to resources for ccTLDs

#### Mailing list

• WHAT IS THIS? I stay informed about UA events and updates and share your experiences with other subscribers. Open to all persons associated with a ccTLD - whether ASCII or IDN - with an interest in universal acceptance and IDNs.

• SEE & SUBSCRIBE | https://community.icann.org/x/gYFREw

#### Library

- WHAT IS THIS? | a vetted list of resources for ccTLDs on UA, Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs) and Email Address Internationalisation (EAI) for ccTLDs. Includes: link to tools, articles, reports and more. It is accessible to all.
- HAVE A LOOK | https://community.icann.org/x/UIAvEQ
- SUBMIT CONTENT | ccnso-uac-submissions@icann.org





# Interested in UA and/or UAC?



Join the ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee and be an active part of this effort. The committee is open to ccTLD representatives globally.

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### **Use the UAC library**

Consult the library and/or suggest content to be included.

https://community.icann.org/x/UoAvEQ



### Stay informed

Subscribe to the dedicated ccNSO UA email list.

https://community.icann.org/x/gYFREw

# Thank you!

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