

Universal Acceptance (UA) Working Group Call Minutes

Thursday, 15 January at 12:00UTC

Meeting Purpose: Planning session for the upcoming UA Session, focusing on speaker selection, agenda topics, and governmental roles in UA adoption.

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Brief Summary

The group met to finalize the structure and speaker list for an upcoming 75-minute session on Universal Acceptance (UA). A primary focus was placed on involving government representatives, specifically from India (the host country of ICANN85 Meeting), to showcase real-world UA adoption journeys. The meeting concluded with a commitment to circulate action items and schedule a follow-up in two weeks to finalize the presentation materials.

Key Discussion Points

- **Speaker Selection & Outreach:** * **Nitin Walia (ALAC):** Identified as a pioneer for UA in India and a key contact for the session.
 - **Government Representation:** The group emphasized inviting a representative from **NIXI (India)** to provide an overview of the Indian government's journey in UA adoption, particularly regarding IDNs and EAI (Email Address Internationalization).
 - **UA Expert Group:** Potential invitations for **Seda** or **Dr. Sarmad** to provide updates on "Universal Acceptance Day 2026."
- **Agenda & Content Themes:**
 - **Government Role:** Discussion on how the government can drive UA adoption, specifically tying it to "Return on Investment" (ROI) and "connecting the unconnected."
 - **India Case Study:** Highlighting India's progress (10 million+ EAI addresses and support for 2,000+ languages).
 - **Future Roadmap:** A brief (2-minute) executive summary of the workgroup's future roadmap to encourage new and inactive members to join.
- **Logistics:** The session in Mumbai is scheduled for 75 minutes. To keep the session interactive, the group discussed using Mentimeter for audience questions.

Decisions Made

- **Agenda Framework:** The group agreed on the high-level logistics and agenda points.

- **Case Study Focus:** India will be used as a primary example of successful UA and IDN progress.
- **Closing:** The meeting was adjourned early, with the next touchpoint set for approximately two weeks' time.

Action Items

Task	Owner	Deadline
Circulate Meeting Output: Distribute the summary and action items to the group via email.	Abdalmoneem Galila	Within 2 days
Speaker Invitations: Send formal emails to invited speakers (Nitin, NIXI reps, Seda/Dr. Sarmad) in cooperation with staff.	Abdalmoneem Galila / Staff	ASAP
Contact NICSI/India Reps: Reach out to Santosh or Walt to secure a speaker from the Indian government.	Abdalmoneem Galila	ASAP
Schedule Follow-up Meeting: Set a meeting for 2 weeks from now to finalize the agenda and review slides.	Staff	ASAP
Draft Presentation Content: Start preparing slides and Mentimeter questions for the session.	All Members	By next meeting