



To: ICANN President and Chief Executive Officer

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Mr. Kurt Erik Lindqvist

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*Cooperation on the Development of Universal Acceptance
Indicators*

Dear Mr. Lindqvist!

The Executive Committee of the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (RCC) presents its compliments and kindly communicates you the following.

The RCC being an intergovernmental coordination body in the field of communications and information technology, recognised by the UN specialised agencies – the International Telecommunication Union and the Universal Postal Union – as their regional organisation, would like to express its support for the proposal put forward by ICANN in *ICANN's Submission to the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025* regarding the development of indicators to assess progress in the implementation of adoption of Universal Acceptance (UA).

We consider this proposal timely and highly relevant and would like to suggest coordinating efforts to advance it further.

In particular, we propose that ICANN initiate a dedicated community-based work process to develop a comprehensive set of indicators for assessing the implementation of UA at the national level. Such a process could bring together relevant members of the ICANN community with expertise in UA, internationalized domain names, technical standards, public policy, and related areas.

The objective of this work would be to develop a coherent set of the UA indicators that could subsequently be proposed to the ITU for systematic and regular use in assessing progress in UA across its Member States. The resulting framework should be designed specifically with the ITU statistical environment in mind, including the requirements of regular data collection, methodological consistency, international comparability, and practical applicability at the national level.

The RCC highly values the work currently undertaken by ICANN together with UNESCO on the development of metrics related to multilingualism and UA. At the same time, we believe that the indicators proposed for use within the ITU should constitute a separate measurement framework. While the two initiatives may address related aspects of UA, they serve different purposes and are expected to rely on different methodologies and data-collection processes. The ITU-oriented indicators should

therefore be developed specifically for integration into the statistical and monitoring mechanisms used by the ITU and its Member States.

Following completion of the community-based work and the relevant ICANN consultation process, a set of indicators supported by broad consensus could be proposed to the ITU for consideration and possible incorporation into its statistical and monitoring mechanisms.

The RCC stands ready to support this process, including by facilitating engagement with regional statistical agencies, communications administrations, and the relevant expert community within the ITU, as well as by contributing regional expertise to the development of the proposed framework.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal with ICANN and explore possible modalities for initiating such a work process.

Director General



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