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RE: Submission of Guidelines for Advancing Universal Acceptance (UA) Adoption
developed by the UA Expert Working Group for ICANN's consideration

Universal Acceptance (UA) Expert Working Group

Dear Members of the UA Expert Working Group:

Thank you for your 28 August 2026 [letter](#) delivering the [Guidelines on Advancing Universal Acceptance Adoption](#). On behalf of ICANN, I would like to thank each of you for your dedication, expertise, and commitment to developing these Guidelines.

These Guidelines provide important input for ICANN's ongoing work to advance UA adoption. Your expertise and broad range of perspectives have resulted in thoughtful, useful guidance for ICANN. I would also like to thank you for carefully considering the community's feedback during the public comment process and strengthening the Guidelines through that collaborative effort.

UA awareness and adoption have progressed over the past decade because of sustained collaboration across the ICANN community and beyond. As I noted last year, the focus of UA work is evolving – from building awareness to enabling broader implementation and adoption. That evolution requires ICANN to continue working closely with the community while ensuring that these efforts remain aligned with ICANN's mission, Strategic Plan, and operational priorities.

The Guidelines identify opportunities for stakeholder engagement, capacity development, and measurement of progress on UA. They will serve as a valuable resource as ICANN org assesses the Guidelines and considers how they may inform UA priorities and initiatives, while continuing to work with partners across the Internet ecosystem to advance UA-readiness.

Perhaps most importantly, these Guidelines demonstrate the value of ICANN's multistakeholder community. By bringing together technical experts from around the world, the UA EWG has produced Guidelines that reflect both practical experience and a shared commitment to a more interoperable and multilingual Internet.

As the work of the UA EWG concludes, I again thank you for your service and collaboration throughout this effort. I look forward to building on your contributions as we move closer to making UA a reality for Internet users everywhere.

Sincerely,



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