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PITINAN KOOARMORNPATANA Hello, and welcome to the Universal Acceptance Community Update session. My name is Pitinan Kooarmornpatana, and I am participation manager for this session. Please note that this session is being recorded and is governed by the ICANN Community Participant Code of Conduct, ICANN Expected Standard of Behavior, and the ICANN Community Anti-Harassment Policy.

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SEDA AKBULUT Thank you, Pitinan. And hello again everyone and welcome. Today, the IDN UA Programs team members are available in this session. The entire team is eager and happy to share the latest UA updates with you. We have a packed agenda on the screen divided into five sections. At first, our team will present the UA updates. I

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will be providing the information about the UA Global Outreach and Adoption that includes the UA Day and the local initiatives.

And then Arnt Gulbrandsen will share Open Source Remediation. And Geraldo Ferreira will be sharing the UA Curriculum Integration and recent press release. And after that, from the country code names support organization, there's a Universal Acceptance Committee under that umbrella. Abdalmonem Galila will be with us to share their updates about the UA works. And then to conclude, Sarmad Hussain will give an overview of the all IDN and UA related sessions expecting you at ICANN85.

So, with that, for any newcomers, I would like to start with what the universal acceptance is actually. So, universal acceptance ensures that all valid domains and email addresses are treated equally and can be used by all internet enabled applications, devices, and systems, regardless of their script language or character length. And the Universal Acceptance Day which has held since 2023 annually, and the inaugural UA Day event was held on 28th of March 2023.

Since then, UA Day aims to rally local, regional, and global stakeholders to support awareness and UA adoption, build capacity through various types of events around the world. And this year, it's going to be the fourth annual UA Day. It's led by ICANN in collaboration with UNESCO and the community. And since 2025, ICANN and UNESCO have been collaborating on the UA Day

following a memorandum of understanding. And this partnership will be continuing for UA Day 2026 as well.

Between October and November last year, we have called for proposals for the UA Day events for 2026, and we received 70 proposals from 45 countries and territories. And then community-based team was formed, and they have reviewed all the proposals in detail and shortlisted 30 events from 30 countries and territories. So, for those shortlisted events, ICANN will be providing support on different aspects depending on the type of the events.

That includes financial support, presentation material, training videos, training materials, and also contributing to the events together with UNESCO. So, you can find the details of the UA Day events on this website. But there may be more than 30 events because as we posted the events on the website, some organizations showed more interest and wanted to do or hold their UA Day events by themselves without requiring any support from us.

So, we also promote all the UA Day events on this website, so that's how it goes. So, in this chart, you see the distribution of the shortlisted events. 30 events were shortlisted, and depending on their type of events and the region, it spread across the whole world and mostly focusing on UA adoption. As you can see, 90 of the events are accounted for the adoption and demonstration events.

And majority of the proposals were received from the Africa region, there is also a majority of shortlisted events in that region. 13 of them from Africa, seven from Asia Pacific, three from Europe, five from Latin America and Caribbean, and two events from North America. As you can see, we have one regional strategic event per each region.

Those are the events usually where the organizations come together from different countries in the regional events to discuss appropriate mechanisms and strategic for promoting UA adoption at local, national, and regional levels. And for the UA adoption and demonstration events, these type of events are requiring some specific criteria for the organizers to meet that requires them to work hands-on and do some prep work.

So, we will discuss more about this in the next slides. And academic curriculum events are mainly held by the academic institutions in which they also discuss how to integrate the IDN and UA related topics in their existing technical curriculum. And awareness events are basically presenting the basics and the benefits of becoming UA ready. And you can see all details about the shortlisted events on this website.

Okay, so now looking at the UA Day 2026 plans and the timeline, ICANN announced the call for proposals on the 6th October, 2025 at the Universal Acceptance Day webpage. And we received proposals by 24 November, and after that, the community-based

team reviewed all the proposals, and we posted all the shortlisted events on 22nd December.

And then we have started contracting with the organizations for sponsoring. And in the meantime, we have hosted two demo trainings which are very in detail, six hours each. That goes through actually all the details about how to make the websites and the main servers UA ready with all the UA Day adoption organizers. And all events will be now getting ready for meeting with the participants.

And those will be held between 25 March and 30 May this year. So, we hope that you can attend, participate, or collaborate with the organizations. The details about how to register the events will be ready close to the events, probably in the second half of March or close maybe in the first half March as well. You may see more details about how to register the events and its sense, because most of them are virtual and the others probably are also hybrid. Okay.

So, this is about the UA adoption and demonstration type of events and what these type of events actually include in their scope. The event has some requirements. At the time of the call for proposal, we have posted these requirements so that the organizations know what to do and when they need to meet these requirements. And these start with registering an internationalized domain name, or they can use an existing IDN to make the website UA ready.

So, they need to set up a web space online that is able to input and process all valid domain names and email addresses in the web form. And this should include the local languages. And by using the same domain name, they need to also set up an email server, which supports the email address internationalization using the recent script that we posted on GitHub repository on ICANN, GitHub repository. That is called EAI self hosting script.

And once they set up the mail server, then we also expect them to create Unicode based internationalized mailboxes, email addresses, using the IDN registered in different types. The idea is to kind of going through all the kind of necessary steps for making a website and main servers UA ready and to experience this practice and then share their challenges, how they troubleshoot the problems and how they overcome in what period of time so that they can experience these.

So, they share these experiences with their audiences in the UA Day event and kind of spread the awareness. And I deal with the last item here, like creating the Unicode based mailboxes is not just only to showcasing how it is done, but also after those events, they may be able to use their email addresses to surf on the internet and try to register their email addresses on different organizations websites, and maybe report those issues that they overcome so they raise more awareness about the universal acceptance.

And the details about this criteria in case you are interested in the UA adoption practices, or maybe in the future, so you may visit this

website for more details. And this figure is actually a kind of summary of what we have done in the past three years starting from 2023 till last year. So, it covers the three UA Day annual events and showing the distribution of events per region per type of events. So, in total, in three years, we have conducted 167 UA Day events in 82 countries and in 39 languages.

And we have focused on UA adoption, which is technical in nature compared to a various type of events. So, the number of participation might seem to be decreasing over the years, but actually, the capacity and the UA adoption practices increased more.

And finally, the local initiatives. So, the local initiatives allow to develop local awareness and capacity with the local key stakeholders in their own languages and to promote UA adoption on the ground. And we support the UA local initiatives in different regions such as Africa through the Coalition of Digital Africa, China, Commonwealth of Independent States, and Eastern Europe, General Europe, India, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. And just like ICANN's strategic focus, the UA local initiatives are also moving towards the same direction and they are including more UA adoption related activities in their works.

So, they usually make the existing websites UA-ready or develop studies on how to register IDN and host websites using the local hosting providers and develop this kind of materials as a journey. And also do the EAI mail servers adoptions. Also they have

connections with the academic institutions and the software developers, or with the businesses. So, they play a crucial role in terms of spreading the UA in the local area.

So with that, I'll stop here to see if there are any questions. Thanks for listening. And checking on the chat and the room. I see a hand from Anil. Hello.

ANIL JAIN

Hello, Seda. Anil for the record. I have two small questions. This time, we have seen that number of applications for UA Day events have gone down as compared to the previous years. But at the same time, the number of events which are approved by ICANN is also 30 as compared to around 55, 56, which used to be in the last three years.

In fact, this is very surprising because this time, United Nation is very actively participating on the UA Day events. So, I want to understand although the applications were less, the approval could have been more. Is it because of the budget or other resources which could have prevented ICANN to approve more UA Day events? This is first question.

The second question is regarding the local initiative. Are we ensuring that all local initiatives, as they promised at the time of signing the agreement with ICANN, are able to meet the expectations as per the agreement, yes or no? Thank you.

SEDA AKBULUT

Thank you, Anil, for the questions. So, yes, the number of UA Day events that are on our list is a little bit lower than last year but the last year was the highest one. So, I understand that there's a increased expectation on the number of UA Day events, but the management is also at some point somewhere around 30, 50. But this time, because we are focusing on more practices on the UA adoption side, actually we do more work on the UA adoption, that's why we try to keep it at a manageable level.

So, for the 19 UA adoption events, actually, we are not only conducting two long six hours of training, but also we developed training materials, step by step guides, presentation materials. And in addition to all these demo training, we don't leave them alone. So, we still keep them supported during this period until they achieve these milestones.

So, there is kind of one-to-one interaction with all of the UA Day adoption organizers so that we actually have broader UA adoption achievement. So, in the count of UA Day events, it might seem lower, but in terms of impact, it is more than before the UA day events, I think.

So budget wise, it's the same, no change. For local initiatives, we have contracted with some of the local initiatives, and there are continuously doing some works. So, we are still in the middle of the fiscal year, so I cannot say everything is now completed because they have still time to complete some of the activities by end of June, but I believe they're in the right track so far. They have

completed some of the work, so we probably include a session in the next ICANN meetings to give some more space for the local initiatives updates as well. Hope it answers your question.

ANIL JAIN

Thanks, Seda.

SEDA AKBULUT

Okay. If we don't have any other questions in the chat then we can move on to get some updates from Arnt Gulbrandsen about Open Source Remediation. Over to you Arnt.

ARNT GULBRANDSEN

Thanks, Seda. I start with the classic. Next slide, please. Half of our work is standards contributions, this time on Unicode and on IETF standards. That's mostly the case. UTS58 is work by Unicode on a standard way to detect links in text. People often use an informal representation of a link in text. You can see an example of that on this very slide, there's no `https://`. Lots of software attempt to detect that and add links automatically.

This link on this slide was detected automatically. The Unicode consortium is now writing a well-defined standard for this. We have helped to do that. We have provided both comments to the specification and code based on our experience with existing Linky files. The work is still not concluded. There was a new draft published in February. Implementations still goes on. Over at the IETF, there are many standards and other documents that touch on

UA when they mention domain names and addresses, all of them may have UA issues.

In one recent example, a document mentioned a domain name. The document is not about UA, it just involved transmitting a domain name. It's clear that the domain name needed to be either in UTF8 or using labels, otherwise software would have some unclarity and UA problems. We reviewed the documents and commented, it was clarified. We review a lot of documents routinely to catch this kind of problem before it becomes a concrete UA problem.

We have worked more extensively on documents concerning email addresses. RFC6530 has a very permissive syntax for Unicode and email addresses, and there has been some reluctance to support that in software. For example, bidirectional addresses are permitted and people have worried that that might be used to confuse people. Confusion is a source of security problems, and many developers take security problems very seriously.

We are working on a pair of documents to support what people need from their addresses while alleviating these concerns. There are also some DNS documents proceeding that concern UA related problems. One in particular is quite important. It provides the technical basis for ICANN's IDN EPDP.

Finally, we participate in email developer communities. There's a group called Modern Email that brings together developers in order

to deliver modern features with good interoperation. We do some outreach there because Unicode address support is modern.

We hosted a one-day meeting for them in connection with the first conference three weeks ago. Interoperation is particularly important for email, even more so than for the web since there is so many different pieces of software involved. When you use something on the web, your web browser, the web server, a little more needs to work together. But when you send email to five people, there can easily be 10 or 15 pieces of software that need to work together. To have a UA ready user experience. Interoperation is much more difficult with 15 things than with three, so we work on that. Next slide, please.

We also work on remediation concretely, which is to say we test software and we either reach out or contribute codes. In the past months, we have retested most of the software that we tested in the past years. Sometimes bugs will return, that's in the nature of bugs, so we retest. We found a regression in one email clients and are reaching out to have it fixed again.

The Thunderbird email reader for Android, which we mentioned last year, is now completely UA ready. In the version on Google Play and in the hands of users. On the website side, we retested several content management systems including Drupal and Joomla with no regressions or bugs reported since they became UA ready.

Wordpress included some UA readiness code in version 6.9, which was released four months ago, but some code was also deferred to

version 7.0, which has not been released yet, and it now seems possible that it may slip to version 7.1. cPanel, the platform software used by very many web hosts has released a new version, which solves some UA problems version 132.

We have reached out to them and look forward to retesting the next version. We also have some other contributions ongoing, including for the most popular male subsystem for the go programming language. And with that, I hand the mic over to Geraldo.

GERLADO FERREIRA

Okay, thank you, Arnt. Next slide, please. Well, my name is Geraldo Ferreira, and I'll talk about UA Curriculum Integration Program. So, we have this initiative called the UA Curriculum Integration Program that allow us to collaborate with universities in order to integrate the UA curriculum. So, the idea is to integrate the modules of the UA curriculum into undergraduate degree programs in technical fields like computing science and information technology.

There are two ways to achieve this. One is making small upgrades to existing course, and another option is to create and offer a separate course dedicated to UA, IDN and EAI. One important part of this program is to conduct a faculty training. And the idea is during the faculty training, we can present all the 12 modules to the professors, and we can discuss with them how they are mapping the UA content into their course and how they are planning to

integrate all the content into their course or creating a separate course for UA.

Besides the factory training, we have additional activities and responsibilities for both sides. From ICANN side, we provide the UA curriculum materials. Besides the textbooks, we have also additional presentations, and we have also programming exercises for the modules. We also provide technical support to the universities for up to two years, and we can promote this collaboration in social media channels.

And from university side, they need to make the faculty members available for the training during two or three days, they need to integrate the curriculum into their course, of course, and seek technical support from ICANN as needed, and hold internal discussions during the program in order to provide feedback to ICANN. We have a flyer for this integration program in different language that can be downloaded and shared. Next slide, please. Next.

SEDA AKBULUT

I think that was the last one. Can you see the press release screen at the moment?

GERALDO FERREIRA

Yes.

SEDA AKBULUT

Okay. Thank you.

GERALDO FERREIRA

So, I'm glad to share some updates on the UA curriculum engagement. Yesterday I can announce the launch of the UA curriculum program in collaboration with three universities. One from Bahrain, a second from Mexico, and a third from India. From Bahrain, we have the American University of Bahrain, AUBH. So, AUBH is a long-term collaborator on UA initiatives.

They have supported three hackathons and workshops in the last years. They also attended the faculty training that was organized by ICANN and the TRA by Bahrain, which is the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Bahrain. And they started the integration last September, and this integration is in progress. Finally, we've seen a graduate from AUBH completed internship with ICANN, and he develop programming, exercise and assignments that can be used for the universities.

The second university that is engaged is Modelo University Mexico. So, they hosted and attended the faculty training in May 2025, and they started the UA curriculum integration last September, which is in progress right now.

And the last university is the Sri Ramakrishna Institute of Technology from India. They joined the program in October. They will attend a faculty training in March in India, and they are

planning to create and offer UA course starting in July. So, this is my part. I'm hoping to answer any question you may have.

SEDA AKBULUT

Thank you, Geraldo. Let's see if there are any questions. We have some questions, but it's already answered. What are the targets for the UA curriculum? Sarmad already answered about this question. At this time, ICANN is working with multiple universities, and you also mentioned those to integrate it so that we can mature the integration process and materials. So, I don't see any other questions. We can move on to the next -- Okay. Sorry, Pitinan.

PITINAN KOOARMORNPATANA

Yeah, sorry. Glen has a follow up question, if you want to take that. "How many universities and how many expected students?"

GERALDO FERREIRA

Yes. So basically, we are starting with these three universities. The number of students, it's information that we don't have right now, but it'll depend on the courses that they are integrating the curriculum. And it can vary depending on the semester because we have different modules that can be integrated in different classes and courses, and it can last up to two years. So, this is the idea that we have right now. But the number of students is difficult to confirm.

Another question from Glen. "What's the expected outcomes of the training?" So, the training is for the faculty members, it's not for

the students. So, the idea is to discuss, present the UA curriculum modules to the professors and discuss with them how they will integrate the modules into their course.

So, just to clarify that the faculty training is not for the students, just for the faculty members. The outcome is basically, we expect that the professors have a good understanding of the UA curriculum modules, and they can go back to university and discuss how they can integrate the modules. Yeah. Any questions?

SEDA AKBULUT

Thank you, Geraldo. I just shared press release link in the chat as well. I don't see any at moment. So, I would like to invite Abdalmonem Galila to provide some information about the ccNSO UA Works.

ABDALMONEM GALILA

Thank you very much, Seda. Abdalmonem Galila for the record, I'm the Chair of ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee, and I'll present it today on behalf of Universal Acceptance Committee members.

By the way, the Universal Acceptance Committee was created since lately of 2023. And the main goal, or the main purpose of Universal Acceptance Committee is to create a platform for ccTLD Manager in order to interact and share information for the topics that are related to IDNs, EIs, and Universal Acceptance at the global level within the umbrella of ICANN without going into the depths or

going into the details of any standard of any policies, as it is not related to the work of Universal Acceptance Committee or even ccNSO, but it's related only for ccTLD.

As I said, the main purposes, actually, we have three main purposes. The first one to focus on the topics that are related to UA and IDNs. And the second topic is to share information for ccTLDs. We, as Universal Acceptance Committee, we created UA Library for ccTLD manager in order to have all the topics, all the documents, all the YouTube videos, all the announcement, all the events material that are related to ccTLD to be in one place and available all the time for ccTLD.

And, of course, we are liaising with other communities, like we were liaising with the Universal Acceptance Steering group, and after we went from UASG to UA Exhibit Work Group, we have nominated a person [00:38:23 - inaudible] from Bahrain, nominated from ccNSO in order to present ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee Expert Work Group.

And also, we're having liaison with GAC UA IDN work group from ccNSO, and all of these in recognition of the importance of universal acceptance for the future years and to bring the [00:38:54 - inaudible] internet users to be online and prepare our infrastructure to be ready to handle all of these people. Next slide, please.

Looking back for ICANN82 and ICANN83, actually, we want to identify first the key drivers for Universal Acceptance Business at

the session at ICANN82 and to identify more than six points that are related to what are the topics that encourage anyone or any organization or any community to go for adopting universal acceptance.

For example, to get more international customers, be more competitive and implement UA before the registrant of TLDs, regional customer needs, and so, so, so of other points related to this key driver. And for ICANN83, we went into the barriers that prevent the adoption Option of universal acceptance. Like for example the need of demand, need of technical solutions, international or internal system focus, and also need to go only to identify the barriers, but we want to also identify the actions to address these barrier or even lower these barriers.

For example, let's have one example of this, like, for example, need of demand, we want to identify to make this big problem. Need of awareness into other points, like need of awareness, that have to be addressed, needs of interest have to be addressed as well, and need for government decisions include need of procurement rules and policies to be addressed as well. We need to identify all of these.

So, identified all of these barriers and identified also the actions that needed to mitigate this barrier or even lower them, and are working in all of these in order to go from one step to other step towards the full system and the full wallet of universal acceptance software application, devices, and system. Next slide, please.

From ICANN83, we went for other liaisons or other cooperating with other community members as universal acceptance issue is multi stakeholder cooperation need in order to mitigate the issues of universal acceptance. In order to make this role to be universal acceptance ready, we need to cooperate. All stakeholders should cooperate in order of this.

So, that is why we went into a joint session between the ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee and the GAC Universal Acceptance and International Names Work Group to explore the opportunities for coordination to enhance UA readiness and strengthen UA related efforts across both communities from ccTLDs and the government.

And during this session, we identified three main areas that we need to consider for our work between ccTLDs and the government. We went into the discussion related to policy leverage, and we went into the discussion related to technical adoption, we went into the discussion related to capacity building.

More details about all of this, I think I could have one hour in order to go into more details, so feel free to text me at my email or even ccNSO UAC group in order to have more details what you want for these details. Next slide, please.

Yeah, we don't stop at here. You could be a member of Universal Acceptance Committee at the time that you are ccTLD manager, whatever you are, a member of CCs or not, you could join as ccTLD, you could have more details about our library that have a lot of

documents, a lot of articles that are related to universal acceptance.

By the way, Universal Acceptance Committee Library, it is open for the internet. You could have more information from all of these, whatever you are, ccTLD or not. And to be stayed informed about what is there about ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee. If you are a ccTLD, you could go to take a ccNSO staff in order to be a member of the Universal Acceptance Committee. We need to stop at the moment.

We'll go for the next slide, please. We have -- no, no, we still have here. We have two main sessions here related to ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee. The first one is a working decision preparing for the next one that will be held for the first time between the Universal Acceptance Committee and Tech Day, where we'll discuss the current status of the technical adoption of universal acceptance and we'll consider one of the new technologies, artificial intelligence, that could help to accelerate the adoption of universal acceptance for the domain name industry.

And also, how could AI mitigate the challenges or even lower the challenges towards the universal acceptance adoption. We'll discuss all of this. So, you are welcome to attend these sessions that are related to ccNSO and Universal Acceptance. This is all from me for today, and you are welcome to join our session and ccNSO

Universal Acceptance Committee. Thank you very much for having us ccNSO here. Thank you.

SEDA AKBULUT

Thank you very much, Abdalmonem, for the updates. Are there any questions or comments for Abdalmonem? I don't see any in chats.

ABDALMONEM GALILA

Just I want to say something that the first day of ICANN85, there will be a session for GAC UA Day Work Groups. So, you are invited as well to attend this session where we'll discuss the efforts done between the cooperation between ICANN and UNESCO and the best practices for the local host of .IN for NIXI, and there will be a valued discussion that have an important question that's related to the role of government towards to accelerating the Universal Acceptance readiness. Thank you.

SEDA AKBULUT

Thank you very much. And with that, we will move on to the ICANN85 IDN and UA related sessions. That also includes what Abdalmonem had just mentioned. And now it's my pleasure to you, Sarmad Hussain, our Senior Director for the final section. Over to you, Sarmad.

SARMAD HUSSAIN

Thank you, Seda. And hello everyone. So, this is a quick overview of some of the sessions around IDNs and Universal Acceptance,

which are being held at ICANN85 in addition to the sessions which Abdalmonem just shared. So, on Saturday 7th March, as Abdalmonem mentioned, there is actually a GAC session, which will be discussing universal acceptance.

In this session, there will also be work presented by the UA Expert Working Group on the guidelines which they have recently published for public comment. There will also be a presentation by UNESCO on the UA policy report, which is currently being drafted and more updates on UA Day. There is, as again, Abdalmonem shared ccNSOs UA Committee Working Session both on the first day on Saturday, 7th, March.

On the 8th of March, we will have a more detailed session on couple of these items. The UA session on guiding ICANN's work on universal acceptance. In this session, we will have a more detailed presentation on the guidelines being presented by UA Expert Working Group, as well as the work being done by UNESCO on developing a report on UA. In addition, there is going to be a 2026 round session on internationalized domain names and variant applicant journeys.

On Monday we have the ccNSO Tech Day being organized, a session organized by UA committee which focuses on UA. Again, Abdalmonem briefly talked about this, on Tuesday, 10th of March, we have a How it Works session on IDNs. This is a technical session for those who are interested in some of the more details of how IDNs work under the hood.

And then finally on Wednesday, 11th of March, we are organizing a panel of the community from academia, from open source and big tech organizations who are going to be talking about how they are implementing UA in their respective roles and the progress which is being made. So, that gives you an overview of some of the sessions we have.

There are, again, in addition to these, some policy sessions which may also be relevant. For example, there are going to be a couple of sessions on Latin Diacritics Policy Development Process. Those are not listed here, but please do check the entire ICANN85 schedule for more related sessions. Thank you. Back to you, Seda.

SEDA AKBULUT

Thank you, Sarmad. And thank you everyone for listening. And this was the end of our presentation, so you can follow us on these channels. Now, we can take more questions in case there is any in the chat or in the room. We have about 10 minutes for this, so feel free. I hope you find the updates helpful. I see a hand from Arnt.

ARNT GULBRANDSEN

There was a question earlier regarding open source standards and links to that. I may have been unclear, and the question would be about the outcome in the modern email group. Is that correct? I think Glen asked.

SEDA AKBULUT

Open source links --

ARNT GULBRANDSEN

Well, if the question was about modern email and our outreach there, that group is more about interoperation, people who implement the same feature meet to test together and get things fixed rapidly. When a mail server and a mail client can both test the same new feature, then testing together is invaluable. And this is for a community to enable rapid testing than want to produce documents. If that does not answer the question, send me email after the meeting. Thanks.

SEDA AKBULUT

It's a good reminder actually, Arnt. So, for any questions that come after this session, you may send it to uaprogram@icann.org. I will send it in the chat. And I see a hand from Abdalmonem. Please, over to you.

ABDALMONEM GALILA

Yeah, thank you, Seda. I'm happy to have some minutes to speak about actually for the Tech Day sessions, it is related to universal acceptance. Actually, as you know that Tech Day is little technical community.

So, one of the agenda items is related to the email address international extensions for the EPP protocol, which is very important in order to consider while we are discussing the full UA readiness for ccTLD software. In addition to that, we have one of

the presenters will go through the technical roadmap how to make registry and registrar to be fully compliant with universal acceptance readiness.

And I would like to add something here as well, that the NTRA of Egypt, the regulator of Egypt, will already publish an auction website that is related to short code, the six digit short code. While you are having the registration or sign up form to be a member of this online system, online application, one of the complaints that we received that one of the applicants tried to register with an email address [00:53:49 - inaudible] the ccTLD called One Bank.

That is why you ask that [00:53:56 - inaudible] immediately, you have to be universal acceptance ready and handle all the new trends of gTLDs away from .com or .net or .org. So, Universal Acceptance is the word for the future, not just you are working for just to adopt the software and we'll go into another side of the wallet. No, it is the future of the wallet, it is Universal Acceptance. Thank you very much.

SEDA AKBULUT

Thanks for the highlights, Abdalmonem. Very helpful indeed. Are there any other questions or comments? We thank for your attention and listening and for your interest in UA and we hope to meet you in ICANN85 and also in ICANN UA Days events as well. So, please feel free to join the UA day events on our list and also hope

to meet you in ICANN85. Maybe we can call it a day. I don't see any other hands. Abdalmonem, is this the new hand?

ABDALMONEM GALILA

No, it is an old one. Sorry for that.

SEDA AKBULUT

Okay then. All right, I don't see any other questions, so thanks a lot for listening and hope to meet you in ICANN85. Have a great rest of your day or night. Goodbye everyone.

ABDALMONEM GALILA

Thank you.

SEDA AKBULUT

You can stop recording.

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