

## IGF Dynamic Coalition on DNS Issues

Meeting minutes

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**Present:** Beth Bacon, Susan Chalmers, Melinda Clem, Ajay Data, Steve DelBianco, Lianna Galstyan, Manal Ismail, Jim Prendergast, Nik Smith, and Dennis Tan Tanaka.

**Apologies:** Maartin Botterman, Roberto Gaetano, and Mark Svancarek.

**Upcoming IGF MAG meeting:** The DC-DNSI will hold its next working meeting on **April 11<sup>th</sup>** from **13h30 to 14h30 UTC+1** at **ITU Headquarters, Room A**. This meeting will take place during the second 2019 IGF MAG meeting and Open Consultations, as well as the WSIS Forum. Those who wish to attend must register for the WSIS Forum to access the premises. Registration information is available here: <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2019/Home/Registration>. The purpose of the next DC-DNSI meeting is to exchange ideas on how best the DC can engage governments at the IGF2019 on Universal Acceptance.

**Universal Acceptance at ICANN64 in Kobe:** Dennis Tan Tanaka, Vice Chair of the Universal Acceptance Steering Group and part of the DC-DNSI organizing team, provided a readout of UA-related activity at the recent ICANN64 meeting in Kobe, Japan.<sup>1</sup> It was noted, with significance, that “promoting and improving Universal Acceptance and implementation of Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)” is included in ICANN’s new 5-year strategic plan. Strategic objective number 3 of the plan – Unique Identifier Systems – aims to “evolve the unique identifier systems to continue to serve the needs of the global Internet user base,” and Universal Acceptance is accepted by the plan as being “necessary to reach a more diverse Internet user base.”<sup>2</sup>

Universal Acceptance was also the subject of a cross-community session, during which the work of the IGF Dynamic Coalition on DNS issues was highlighted. The topic of UA was also raised frequently during the ICANN Open Forum, and an open letter promoting work on UA and IDNs in the Middle East was circulated. As one participant noted, while many issues within the ICANN community can be political and therefore controversial in nature, the issue of Universal Acceptance is an energizing and worthy topic that has the ability to bring different stakeholders together, working towards a common goal.

**IGF2019 planned activity:** The DC-DNSI is currently drafting a proposal for a Dynamic Coalition session during the IGF2019, which will focus on UA-readiness in the public sector. The group is also exploring the possibility of submitting a workshop proposal focusing on multilingualism and different languages on the

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<sup>1</sup> Further information is available here: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1hA2cO9XdJA7rL-IP2XiG-G3ao9Vlx0Sv6g9viZKslCw/edit#slide=id.g54ac9c4408\\_0\\_1](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1hA2cO9XdJA7rL-IP2XiG-G3ao9Vlx0Sv6g9viZKslCw/edit#slide=id.g54ac9c4408_0_1)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/strategic-plan-2021-2025-draft-20dec18-en.pdf>

Internet. The DC is working with regional IGF initiatives to raise awareness around UA and IDNS, including working with organizers of SEEDIG and EuroDIG to hold a Day 0 event. SEEDIG will bring together representatives from different governments and ccTLD operators to discuss Universal Acceptance and how to advance multilingualism on the Internet in the SEE+ region. Conversations on the EuroDIG Day 0 session are ongoing.

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