



# UASG Technology Working Group Charter

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## Purpose

The UASG Technical Working Group's purpose is to collaborate to define UA Readiness and provide strategies to address its technical aspects, including the following aspects:

- Determine the technical scope of UA Readiness covering the various contexts
- Identify technical gaps, relevant stakeholders and undertake strategies to address them
- Determine technical documentation and training requirements, their scope and content

## Outcomes

The technical working group aims to develop the following, in consultation and collaboration with the other working groups. The technical working group will also prioritize the scope of this work.

- Collaborate to develop the technical scope of UA Readiness and its testing criteria for UA Readiness
- Prioritize, evaluate and address relevant technical standards and best practices
- Prioritize, evaluate and address application development environments, including frameworks, programming language libraries, etc. The work should consider both open source and proprietary platforms. Further, both mobile and computer platforms should be reviewed.
- Prioritize, evaluate and address applications, including browsers, social media, content management systems, databases, legacy applications, and other relevant applications. The work should consider both open source and proprietary platforms. Further, both mobile and computer platforms should be reviewed.
- Develop the topics, scope and content of the technical documentation needed
- Develop the topics, scope and content of the technical training needed

## Membership

Membership should include, but is not limited to, the representation from:

- UASG Coordination Group
- Members from the UASG Community
- Technical experts
  - o Relevant standards organizations, e.g. Unicode, W3C, WHATWG, etc.
  - o DNS and Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)
  - o Programming languages and platforms; both proprietary and open source
  - o Application development, including browsers, social media, content management systems, customer relationship management systems, etc.
  - o Licensing experts for open source systems
  - o Academia and researchers



Membership will be self-selecting. UASG standards of behaviour apply. See <https://uasg.tech/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/UA-Expected-Standards-of-Behavior.pdf>.

#### Chair of the Working Group:

- UASG Leadership team would nominate the working group chair (and any co-chairs), in consultation with the working group members. The working group may identify candidate chair(s) based on rough consensus. The chair will be member of the UA Coordination Group along with UASG Chair, Vice-Chairs and other Working Groups' chairs.
- The chair role is for one calendar year. He/she should be nominated one month prior to the end of the current chair's term to ensure a smooth transition. There is no limit on the number of terms chair(s) may have.

## Operations

- The UASG [ua-tech@icann.org](mailto:ua-tech@icann.org) mailing list will be used for communications
- About meetings;
  - o **Frequency:** Held regularly at a time convenient for the participants.
  - o **Attendance:** Meetings are open to all – including non-appointed members of the Working Group.
  - o **Meeting agenda:** The previous meeting record and a meeting agenda will be forwarded to members of the Working Group at least one week before the next meeting.
  - o **Objectives:** Meetings will end with a clear understanding of expectations and assignments for next steps.
  - o **Duration:** Meetings are expected to be one hour. Extension of time, in 15 minute increments, will require the consent of the majority of members attending that meeting. Consensus will be indicated with a show of hands.
  - o **Meeting Minutes:** The Secretariat will keep a record of meeting attendees, key issues raised, and actions required. Comments from individual members will generally not be attributed and a verbatim record of the meeting will not be prepared. Meeting minutes will be reviewed by Working Group members, and if adopted the document will be circulated among wider UASG membership for information purposes. Any changes to the record of the past meetings shall be in writing and forwarded to the Secretariat prior to the next meeting.
- Funding for the working group is available as per UASG's Action Plan and following UASG and ICANN org processes.
- Any ICANN supported training and meeting or any ICANN supported travel will be booked through ICANN org. This requires at least three month advance notice.

## Meeting Ground Rules

- Speak one at a time – refrain from interrupting others.
- Wait to be recognized by chair before speaking.
- Chair will call on people who have not yet spoken before calling on someone a second time for a given subject.



- Share the oxygen – ensure that all members who wish to have an opportunity to speak are afforded a chance to do so.
- Maintain a respectful stance toward towards all participants.
- Listen to other points of view and try to understand other interests.
- Share information openly, promptly, and respectfully.
- If requested to do so, hold questions to the end of each presentation.
- Make sure notes taken are accurate.
- Remain flexible and open-minded, and actively participate in meetings.

## Roles and Responsibilities

The Working Group is an advisory group to the UASG Leadership team and the UASG Coordination Group. The Working Group members agree to:

- Provide specific local expertise, including identifying emerging local issues;
- Review project reports and comment promptly;
- Attend all meetings possible and prepare appropriately;
- Complete all necessary assignments prior to each meeting;
- Relay information to their constituents after each meeting and gather information/feedback from their constituents as practicable before each meeting;
- Articulate and reflect the interests that advisory group members bring to the table;
- Maintain a focus on solutions that benefit the entire program;
- Present its recommendations for the project at the end of the planning process. The presentation would include subjects such as: project's Purpose and Need Statement, alternatives to be studied, mitigation measures, and phasing plan. The Working Group shall select from among its members a presenter or team of presenters.

The Working Group Chair(s) agree to to the following:

- Provide Working Group members the opportunity to collaborate with other on making recommendations for the project;
- Effectively manage the scope, schedule and budget;
- Keep partners informed of progress;
- Provide documentation to support recommendations;
- Provide technical expertise;
- Brief local decision makers and produce briefing materials and reports;
- Conduct public meetings necessary to inform and engage the community.
- Manage logistics for meetings; and
- Explain the reasons when deviations are taken from recommendations.