

**Date:** Wednesday, 28 February 2024

**From:** Dmitry Noskov

**To:** Wendy Profit

**Subject:** Concern Regarding Approval of UA Day Keystone Global Event in Belgrade, Serbia

Dear Wendy

Thanks for sending the acknowledgment of my correspondence to ICANN Board Chair, Tripti Sinha, I look forward to some early response.

Furthermore, I would like to seek an appointment during ICANN79 with Tripti and Sally and want to discuss a very important issue of UASG which is impacting the core fundamentals of ICANN. Given ICANN and its groups' adherence to the Multistakeholder model, why decisions within the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) are getting made transparently and inclusively? My Specific concern is the recent thought of a Statement of Interest (SOI) implementation by UASG leadership without reaching for community consensus. Shouldn't UASG have sought community consensus, formed a small team to decide on the SOI implementation details, shared the outcomes with the community for approval, and then announced it? Is it fair on the part of you UASG chair to approve such acts, considering their role in ensuring adherence to democratic processes within the group?

ICANN and all its Groups are Community driven and without community inputs, no decision gets implemented. That's why various groups including GNSO, ccNSO and so created a task force for Statement of Interest (SOI) Requirements. First, a Recommendations Report was created which was published for public comment in conjunction with any possible changes to the GOP that may be recommended by the CCOICI in relation to the Working Group Self-Assessment requirements. Following that public comment period, the working group's SOI TF make updates to report and share with leadership for decision. Post which a proper time frame is given to the community to adopt any such change if approved. Why UASG didn't follow all these simple steps who allowed UASG Chair to decide without community involvement and how ICANN is allowing such acts to happen?

Does this deviation from standard procedure not indicate an autocratic approach by UASG chair, which should not be allowed by ICANN? Is it not evident of CEO ICANN that ICANN staff in UASG is playing an autocratic role within the group, thereby undermining the principles of the Multistakeholder model and pushing something that should not have been allowed in the Multistakeholder model?

I along with a few members want to have a detailed discussion on this during ICANN79 with Tripti and Sally. Also, it's not the voice of me alone but of several members of the

community who are seeing that the autocratic approach is getting imparted in the Multistakeholder model for which majorly ICANN Staff is responsible.

Sincerely,

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cc: Tripti Sinha, Board-Ops Team, Secretary, Sally Costerton, Anil Kumar Jain, Satish Babu