Member survey: should we change the name "Accessibility Standing Group" or not?

I. Intro

As the Accessibility Standing Group (ASG) grows the distinction between **Accessibility** and **Access** becomes not readily understood! To remove that confusion, the ASG has brainstormed two solutions:

1. Change the name to **"Disability Standing Group"**
2. Keep the name **"Accessibility Standing Group"**, but with a slogan that highlights our mission.

This survey is conducted to hear the members' opinions about these proposals, as well as collect their suggestions.
The survey also aimed to learn more about the members' particular area of accessibility interest or expertise.
The survey was conducted from October 20, 2023 00:01 to November 10, 2023 at 23:59 UTC.

II. Key takeaways

- The survey targeted all the ASG members.
- Total responses: **46**
- Total countries of respondents: **27**
- The majority of respondents (**67%**) is in favor of keeping the name Accessibility Standing Group and adding a slogan to describe our mission.
- Only **30%** of respondents claim to have accessibility expertise. But most of these 30% have deep working experience in accessibility.
- **13%** of respondents claim to have a disability.
- All the respondents would like to volunteer for the Standing Group's activities. They would like to volunteer in the followings (from most to least selected):

- o Information sharing,
- o Social media/promotion,
- o Leadership
- o Training
- The respondents are almost all ready to devote time to the ASG activities and **90%** of them are ready to devote more than 1hour/week. Some of them are ready to devote 100% of their time.
- Some proposals of slogan:
  - o Empower the Disabled, Be Their Voice Worldwide
  - o Standing by people with disabilities
  - o Raising awareness of and embracing disabilities
  - o Campaigning for a happy life with disability
  - o Access for All: One World, Diverse Abilities.
  - o Accessibility and Inclusion for All
  - o Accessibility for All
  - o Accessibility for All: Empowering Inclusion in the Digital Age
  - o Accessibility SIG Innovation & Modernization Through Persistent Perfection
  - o Accessible internet to all

III. Responses

1. Your name
2. Chapter name (if any)
3. Country of residence

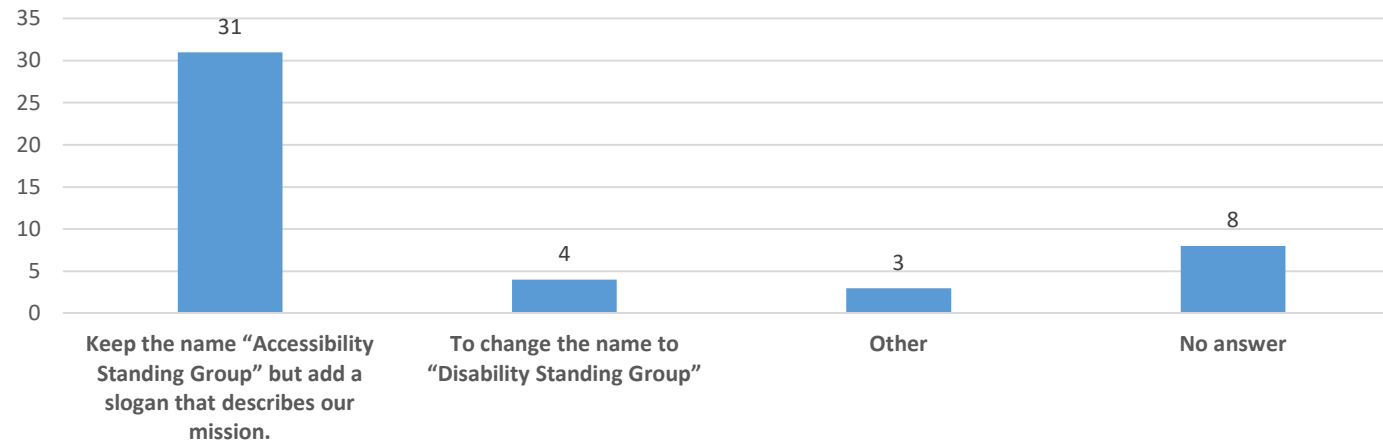Respondents reside in the following countries:

Algeria
Argentina
Austria

Bangladesh
Benin
Canada
Catalunya (Spain)
Congo - Kinshasa
España
Ethiopia
Ghana
Kenya
Mali
Maroc
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Pakistani
Puerto Rico
SENEGAL
Sierra Leone
Switzerland
Tanzania
Tchad
Uganda
United Kingdom
United States
Zambia

4. The best way to overcome the confusion around the Accessibility Standing Group's mission is (choose only one)

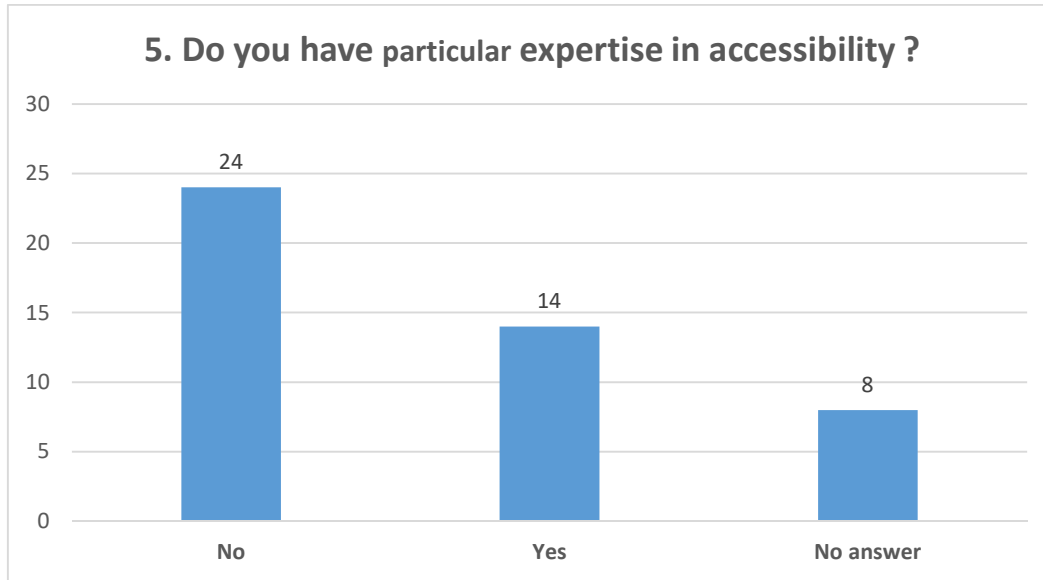|	
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To change the name to "Disability Standing Group"	4
Other	3
No answer	8
Total	**46**

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5. Do you have particular expertise in accessibility ?

No	24
Yes	14
No answer	8
Total	**46**

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If Yes, please give us a short description:

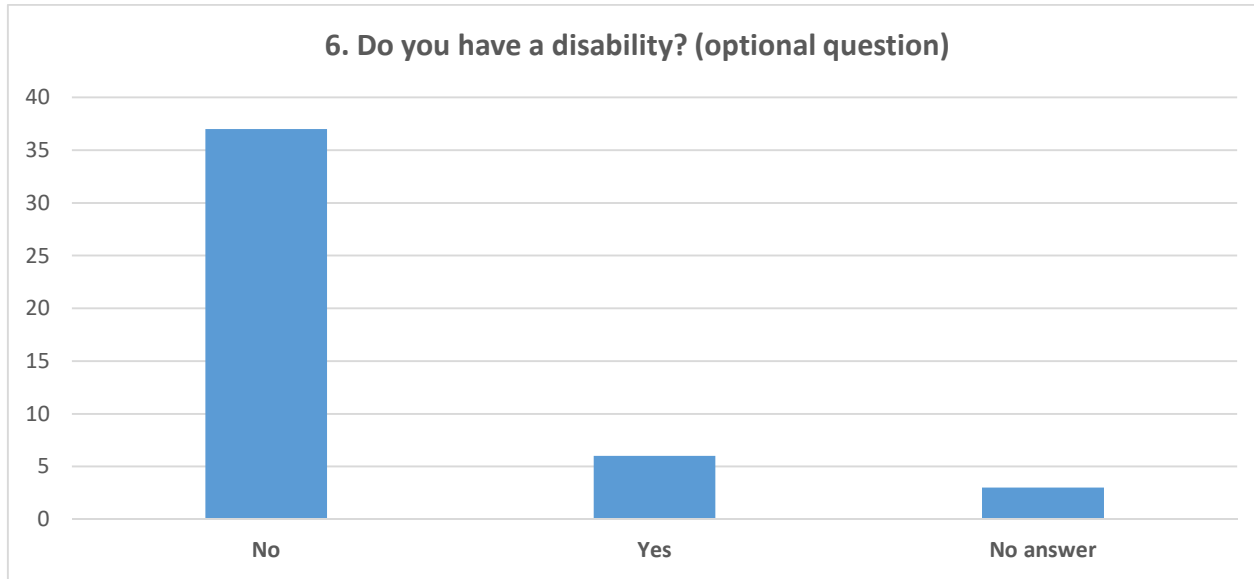| |
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| 1. The Integration of Cybersecurity from K1-K12 Course Curriculum for Internet and Data Integrity .
 2 . The use of AI-Machine Learning -Deep Learning and Robotic Engineering for Workforce Intelligence-Workplace Intelligence Employee Intelligence in a bid to create a solid foundation for Organization and Corporate Governance Intelligence |
| Advocacy, Monitoring and Evaluation. |
| CPWA, WAS, CPAAC, ADS certifications |
| CPWA, worked with vision impaired faculty and providing guideline on better navigate using screenreader. Advocating for web accessibility design. Worked on remediation of PDF to produce accessible documents. Maintain and building accessible digital library. |
| For many people, accessibility means access.
 Accessibility is needed for people who do not fit into the concept of disability, such as the elderly.
 I propose the name: Access for all. I think that accessibility is included there. |
| I am a visually impaired person in charge of an organization that works for the inclusion of visually impaired people through the use of technology. We work and advocate every day to make visible the need for accessibility in the digital environment. We also give talks |

workshops and trainings to developers and other teams of companies state and organizations and we carry out accessibility audits of both websites and mobile Apps.
I am adding accessibility information about a place on Google maps. The place is accessible for the disabled peoples or not accessible for disabled peoples especially for wheelchair users.
I am an ICT accessibility and equality consultant working towards promoting Digital Accessibility for persons with disability in Kenya and globally.
I did research on accessibility and developed a policy brief, a scorecard on accessibility of government websites in Kenya.
I have been promoting digital accessibility since 1995. I coordinate the working group on Internet accessibility of Subcommittee 8 of the Technical Standardization Group 139 of AENOR. I participated in a Good Standing situation in the drafting of WCAG 1.0. I have been invited as an expert in several W3C-WAI working groups. I am the creator of the Sidar Foundation - Universal Access, which promotes accessibility in the Ibero-American sphere. I am R&D Manager of Accessibility Support of the aDeNu Research Group of the Artificial Intelligence Department of the National University of Distance Education (UNED).
My research on vulnerable people's digital inclusion involves people with disabilities an d my publications on people with disabilities touch upon and explore the issue of accessibility, among others. I'm also working on the establishment of a new IAMCR working gorup on people with disabilities and their inclusivity and I'll co-chair this group when it's launched - expected date of official announcement of this group will be June 2024.
since 2003, I work in Digital Accessibility, esp. for the blind and visually impaired ones - https://www.linkedin.com/in/hoeckner/
W3C certified

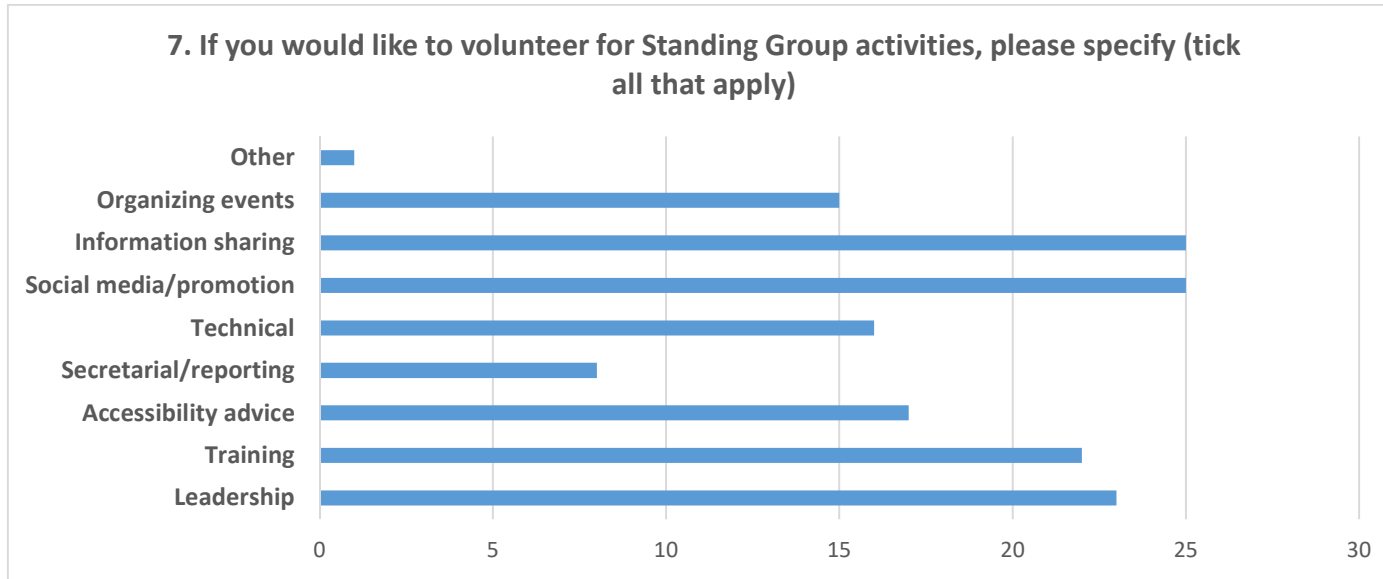## 6. Do you have a disability? (Optional question)

No	37
Yes	6
No answer	3
Total	**46**

6. Do you have a disability? (optional question)

If Yes, please specify (optional)

2, one physical and one cognitive deficit.
Hard of hearing
Hearing impaired
Intelectual
Physical disability

7. If you would like to volunteer for Standing Group activities, please specify (tick all that apply)

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Category	Value
Other	1
Organizing events	15
Information sharing	25
Social media/promotion	25
Technical	16
Secretarial/reporting	8
Accessibility advice	17
Training	22
Leadership	23

If you tick "Other", please specify:

Because I'm new to the interest society so I want you to give an easy task for me to contribute with you. Thank you

8. What is the amount of time that you could devote to the activities of this group?

2 to 3 hours a week
As needed
10hrs a week
48 hours
As a highly motivated and dedicated individual, I am fully committed to contributing my time and effort to the activities of this group. I am available and willing to invest a significant amount of time in ensuring the success and progress of the group. I understand the importance of being present and actively involved in order to achieve our collective goals. Therefore, you can rely on my commitment to devote ample time to fulfill my responsibilities within the group.
Minimum of 10 hours a week

4 h week
Organize one Chapter activitity
6 hours per week
10
4-6 hrs per week
No more than 8 hours per month.
5 hours per week
2 hrs per week
0.00
15 hours
50%
5 hours every day
4 hours
I'm ready for work 24 hours
I'm ready for work 24 hours
8 hours per week
5 Hours a month
At this moment I have little time available, but depending on the proposed activity I can dedicate a little more time.
a couple of hours each week (with the caveat that I might have restricted availability in weeks when my other workload is very heavy)
Any time frame
4hours
50 times
3 days
4 hours per day
1 hour
An hours at least
5 hours
1 hour / month
6 hours
I don't have a specific time, as it may vary according to time and projects, but I could commit at least two or three hours per week.
2 hours/week
6 hours/week
It's up to you

All my time
45mn/week
8 hours
1 hour
02 MOIS
2 hours/week
Years

9. Do you have any slogan suggestions / other comments?

"Empower the Disabled, Be Their Voice Worldwide"
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Comment: The essential question of this survey is missing: "Do you want us to change the name of the group? Yes or no? Personally, I'm in favor of changing the name. When I joined this group, I thought that the availability of Internet content in minority or indigenous languages was also part of accessibility... Thank you and best regards
Disability Standing Group
I am a firm believer in the importance of accessibility for people with disabilities on the internet, as well as on all digital platforms. I am convinced that an accessible internet is not only beneficial to people with disabilities but to everyone. At some point in their lives, everyone will need one or more of the accessibility features available on the internet. That is the reason I call all stakeholders to join hands with the disability community for an inclusive and accessible internet.
I am ready to contribute my time and efforts to the group. Slogan suggestion: Let's include everyone.

I prefer to call it Inclusive Standing Group because it will include both people living with and without not disabilities. This will remove a barrier for people to think this group is specific for people who live with disabilities only.
I think the expert should make choices and bring to us to conclude
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Internet now, internet to future
Let's get together to ban what the network (internet) is doing
My recommendation would be to use the term "Web Accessibility Standing Group" as opposed to "Accessibility Standing Group." The term "accessibility" can be ambiguous to those not familiar with the field, often being interpreted as either physical accessibility or general online access to material content. Using "Web Accessibility Group" offers clearer context and specificity, particularly emphasizing the focus on making web resources more accessible to all, including those with disabilities.
No
No
No
No
Non
None at this time.
Perception, understanding, Interaction on the Internet for all people.
Sometimes a barrier that hinders participation in the group is the language barrier, because although I can read and write basic English, I am not an English speaker and sometimes the naturalization that English is the only and universal language makes people from developing countries that even because of the same disability we did not have access to good language training, we participate at a disadvantage in these spaces.
Technology Inclusive Accessibility Support Group
Yes, make the distinction between urban areas, i.e. towns and cities, and rural areas. The difference is very important, both in terms of access and accessibility.