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Update on UCC Meeting Regarding Fees and Governance

Further to the meeting held at UCC on February 21st, 2018 regarding UIXP governance and the implementation of service fees:

1) For those who were unable to attend, here is a copy of the full UIXP presentation given at the meeting. It provides an in-depth look at the UIXP's history and development as well as the rationale for service fees and governance challenges both past and present: https://www.uixp.co.ug/documentation/governance-reform-presentation-governance-and-sustainability-2018-02. Note that the rest of this e-mail will reference slides from that presentation in order to help illustrate its various points.

2) At the meeting, the UCC declared that they do not object to networks paying service fees but that the UIXP should not disconnect any networks for non-payment until the problems with our governance model have been addressed.

3) The UIXP drafted a new constitution and proposed it to the community in 2015. Unfortunately we received no feedback and had to delay the project (see slides 44-48). It seems that there is now renewed interest and we are happy to pick this conversation up again. If any of you would like to participate in the governance reform process, we recommend reviewing this document and the related summary letter as a starting point: https://www.uixp.co.ug/documentation/governance-reform-new-memarts-proposed-2015

4) The UIXP recently launched a new service contract which will also serve as the basis for legal company membership following the governance reform process. This is part of a broader effort to develop the UIXP's internal structure. Note that this contract supersedes the 2015 MoU which all networks have already signed (see slide 29). It does not introduce any new obligations for exchange participants, but does introduce new obligations for the UIXP. A copy of this contract can be found here: https://www.uixp.co.ug/documentation/participation-agreement

5) It has come to our attention that UISPA representatives submitted a signed petition to the UCC which accuses the UIXP management, Google, and Akamai of fraud and impropriety (see slide 35). These slanderous claims contradict public information available from Companies House, the UIXP website, and numerous other sources (see slides 39-40). They also contradict private conversations held between UISPA representatives and UIXP management. We further note that UISPA representatives ignored or avoided all of our requests for meetings and dialogue prior to making this submission (see slides 33-34). This behaviour embarrasses our community on the international stage and has increased risk of potentially harmful government intervention.

6) Some of the networks that objected to paying port fees have said that they would be willing to collectively donate the money required to resolve the UIXP's immediate financial crisis. We believe, and history indicates, that this proposal is impractical (see slides 49 and 24) but have compiled a list of our most urgent expenses in order to give proponents of this idea a chance to fully consider the implications (see attached).

If anyone has any questions or comments about these points, or would like to get involved in the governance reform process, we kindly request that you post a message to the discuss@uixp.co.ug mailing list which can be joined here: https://lists.uixp.co.ug/listinfo/discuss

We hope that this message has been helpful and we look forward to working with all of you.

Regards,
Kyle Spencer, on behalf of the UIXP Management Team