

## Internet Society Pakistan Islamabad Chapter, UA Day 2025

## **Connecting the Dots** –

UA and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities

On March 26, 2025, the Internet Society Pakistan Islamabad Chapter celebrated UA Day 2025 at the National Incubation Center in Islamabad. This marked the third consecutive year our chapter has participated in UA Day events.

The event, titled "Connecting the Dots – UA and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities," was organized by Path Finder Solutions in collaboration with ICANN, the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication (MOITT), UNESCO, and our chapter. It focused on the importance of Universal Acceptance (UA) and digital accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Universal Acceptance ensures that all domain names and email addresses, regardless of language or script, are accepted and processed correctly by all internet-enabled applications and services. The event highlighted how non-compliant digital systems can create barriers for persons with disabilities, especially those using assistive technologies.

, emphasized that technology should empower everyone and that digital accessibility is a right, not a privilege. He stated, "Technology should empower, not exclude. Digital accessibility is not charity—it is a right."

The event was attended by 35 participants, including 11 women and 24 men, with representation from the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) community. To ensure inclusivity, the event was also translated into sign language by volunteer Miss Nazia, facilitating better understanding for attendees with hearing impairments.

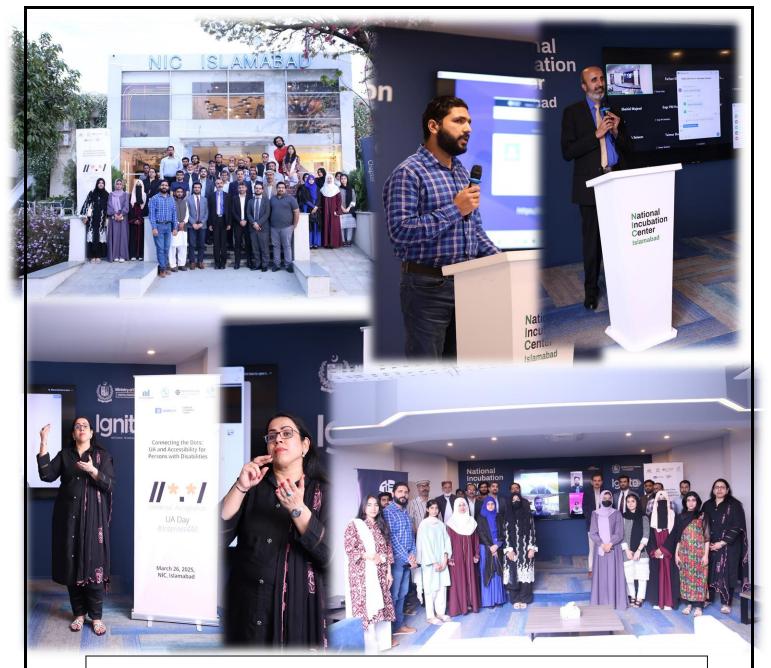
Our chapter's involvement in UA Day 2025 reflects our commitment to promoting an open and inclusive internet. We continue to work towards ensuring that digital platforms are accessible to all, advocating for the integration of UA principles to bridge the digital divide.

As President of the Internet Society Pakistan Islamabad Chapter, Abdullah Qamar, reaffirm our unwavering commitment to fostering a **secure**, **accessible**, **and inclusive internet** for all.

UA Day 2025 underscored the critical importance of Universal Acceptance and digital accessibility, especially for persons with disabilities. Our chapter remains dedicated to community engagement, promoting awareness, and implementing initiatives that ensure the internet serves as a tool for empowerment and inclusion.

## **Event Video Highlight**

To watch highlights from the event, please follow this link: YouTube



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