**Session Title:**
Simplifying Site Navigation: A Standardized Approach for Accessible Destinations

Well Known Destinations: A Standardized Approach for Accessible Destinations to Simplify Site Navigation

Making Site Navigation More Accessible With Well Known Destinations

(Could re-use last year’s title)

**Description:**
Navigating websites can be a challenge, especially for users who find complex layouts and ambiguous terminology difficult. Building on last year’s feedback, this session from WAI-Adapt Task Force introduces a fresh, semantic approach to navigation that leverages standardized HTML link elements to define key destinations on any page. We will also demo our updated browser extension which embodies this new strategy— simplifying navigation without compromising on design.

We’ll also invite discussion on open challenges raised by COGA regarding how to clearly present various types of destinations (think help destination can be of type "Virtual Advisor," "Email Helpline," and "Call Support") so that users immediately know what to expect.

*Wordsmithed: We will also facilitate discussion on open challenges identified by the Cognitive and Learning Disabilities Accessibility Task Force (COGA) regarding the clear presentation of destination types. For example, a help resource may be categorized as a “Virtual Advisor,” “Email Helpline,” or “Call Support.” The goal is to ensure that users can immediately understand the nature of each option and set accurate expectations before engagement.*

**Goals:**

* **Highlight the Challenge:** Illuminate the challenges of current site navigation and the potential for standardized solutions.
* **Showcase Solution:** Demonstrate via demo how a standardized approach can streamline site navigation for all users.
* **Engage the Community:** Gather ideas on categorizing destinations further to enhance clarity and accessibility.

**Agenda:**

1. **Understanding Navigation Barriers:** A brief look at navigation challenges and why consistency matters.
2. **Demo:** Walkthrough of our updated browser extension employing the new semantic approach.
3. **WAI-Adapt’s Proposed Solution:** Explanation of our approach based on standardizing navigation declarations using HTML link elements and how it builds on last year’s feedback.
4. **Interactive Discussion:** Brainstorming on open concerns from COGA to present various type of destinations to users.
5. **Next Steps:** Inviting feedback and outlining plans for horizontal and wide community review.

Join us for an engaging discussion where your insights will help shape a more accessible web for everyone!