



6 August 2018

Zahid Jamil Chair  
Damon Ashcraft, Chair Elect

Dear Chair and Chair Elect

At its recent meeting in Panama City, the GAC agreed to a set of criteria that it would like to see the NomCom take into account when selecting candidates for ICANN Board positions.

These are attached. I would expect that they will be reviewed periodically by the GAC as necessary.

I would be grateful for the NomCom's response to this proposal.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Manal Ismail". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'I'.

Manal Ismail  
Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

## **CRITERIA AGREED BY THE GAC FOR SUBMISSION TO THE NOMCOM JUNE 2018**

The GAC is of the view that the ICANN Board should include, collectively among its membership, members who have the following qualifications and attributes:

### **The personal qualities and experience identified by the ICANN Board in its periodic advice to the NomCom<sup>1</sup>**

RATIONALE: It is a matter of good public policy that ICANN operate efficiently and effectively. The criteria identified by the Board appear to be a reasonable set of operational requirements for this purpose.

### **Experience of working with or in the public sector, including national or local government, public authorities or inter-governmental bodies.**

RATIONALE: Experience in working or interacting with governments or public authorities would contribute to a good understanding by the Board of GAC input which represents the view of concerned/interested governments and inter-governmental bodies.

### **An understanding and appreciation of advancing the public interest through building partnerships and consensus**

RATIONALE: Understanding and appreciation of public-private partnerships and/or multistakeholder processes with track record in developing a consultative approach can facilitate a constructive resolution of matters.

### **Experience in the multicultural setting and understanding of the value and importance of diversity for ICANN as a global coordinator of the Domain Name System**

RATIONALE: Pursuit of diversity is a legitimate public policy goal, especially when it comes to a global organization that strives to be inclusive.

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<sup>1</sup> Most recently <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/icann-board-to-nomcom-21dec17-en.pdf>