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ICANN81 - GAC Joint Meeting with the ICANN Board

Tuesday 12 November 2024
10:15 (UTC)/13:15 IST



Board - GAC Preliminary Meeting Agenda

*Tuesday 12 November 2024 -
10:15 UTC - (13:15 local Istanbul time)*

1. Introductions
2. Review of GAC Topics/Questions (shared in advance of meeting)
3. Discussion of Board Question to GAC
4. AOB
5. Closing

GAC - Board Meeting - GAC Topics - Overview

1. Next Round of new gTLDs
2. Policy Development Transparency (i.e., Draft ICANN Code of Ethics and GNSO Statements of Interest)
3. Urgent Requests for Disclosure of Domain Name Registration
4. UN Level - Global Discussions (e.g., Global Digital Compact and WSIS +20)

GAC - Board Meeting - GAC Topics/Questions

Topic 1. Next Round of New GTLDs

- Applicant Support Program (ASP) - The GAC appreciates the Board and ICANN staff's responsiveness to recent GAC advice regarding implementation of the ASP. GAC Members intend to share their reactions with the Board to presentations earlier in the week regarding progress and plans to initiate the ASP - *Discussion*
- Throughout the meeting week, the GAC will seek to absorb ICANN81 discussions and reactions to the Board's October follow-up regarding the effort to achieve a "mutually acceptable solution" to the resolution of contention sets and then discuss GAC Member thoughts with the Board - *Discussion*

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Topic 2. Policy Development Transparency (i.e., Draft ICANN Code of Ethics and GNSO Statements of Interest)

Background:

- This continues to be an important priority area for governments in ICANN.
- The GAC welcomes the release of the draft Code of Ethics and appreciates the timely reaction of the ICANN org to developing the current proposal.
- The GAC is studying the draft carefully and hopes that this matter can be resolved quickly.
- GAC will be listening to reactions from the Community regarding this approach to SOIs during ICANN81 and plans to come back with considered observations in due course.

Questions:

- The GAC is interested in Board member reactions to the ICANN org draft document currently out for [public comment](#).
- What does the Board envision as possible next steps on this matter after the public comment process closes; including regarding timeline?

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Topic 3. Urgent Requests for Domain Registration Data

The GAC notes that, since March 2024, the ICANN Board has deferred action on the GAC's Advice in the [San Juan Communiqué](#) to act expeditiously to establish a clear process and a timeline for the delivery of a policy on Urgent Requests for domain name registration data.

On 15 October 2024, the GAC, in its Response to the Board's Clarifying Question on Urgent requests, proposed to the ICANN Board two tracks of work that can be conducted in parallel to both explore possible mechanisms to authenticate emergency law enforcement requesters and determine an appropriate response time for authenticated Urgent Requests, while, at the same time, stressing that the re-commencement of Urgent Request policy work is not dependent upon the completion of authentication mechanisms.

Questions:

- The GAC appreciates the recent 4 November 2024 trilateral call on this topic between GAC Members, the Board, and the GNSO Council.*
- Considering that the Board has deferred action on the GAC's Advice in the [San Juan Communiqué](#) and follow-up to the advice in the [Kigali Communiqué](#) to act expeditiously to establish a clear process and a timeline for the delivery of a policy on Urgent Requests, when can the GAC expect to receive feedback from Board on the GAC advice and the GAC's latest proposal?*

Topic 4. UN Level - Global Discussions (e.g., Global Digital Compact and WSIS +20)

- Can Board members share their reactions to the latest multilateral UN outcome regarding the [Global Digital Compact](#), in particular, how it addresses Internet Governance issues relevant to ICANN and multistakeholder processes?
- Overall, what is the Board's outlook on how the WSIS +20 Review process will conclude at the UN General Assembly in 2025?

GAC - Board Meeting - Board Question to GAC

ICANN's new CEO will come on board in December. What do you think his top three priorities should be, and why? Please be as concrete as possible.

- ICANN's role in the preservation of ICANN's multistakeholder model in current UN processes (GDC implementation and upcoming WSIS +20 review)
- Effective and successful implementation of the Next Round of New gTLDs with focus on Applicant Support and Resolution of Contention Sets
- Determination of a timeframe and clear procedures for urgent requests of domain names' registration data.

Board/GAC AOB Topics

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