Meeting with the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

Block 16 - GAC Inter-Constituency Engagement
Session 16.2 - Meeting with the ALAC

Purpose and Background

The At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) is the primary ICANN-designated organizational home for the voice and concerns of individual Internet users. Representing the At-Large Community, the 15-member ALAC consists of two members selected by each of the five Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs) and five members appointed by ICANN's Nominating Committee. Advocating for the interests of end-users, the ALAC advises on the activities of ICANN, including Internet policies developed by ICANN's Supporting Organizations.

The GAC and ALAC have been regularly meeting at ICANN Public Meetings in order to coordinate and discuss public policy issues of common interest.

Recently, the GAC has appointed a point of contact to the ALAC - Ana Neves (Portugal). The ALAC has appointed a liaison to the GAC, Yrjö Lansipuro. Their role is to facilitate policy and other internal community discussions among the groups, as well as meeting agenda preparations for ICANN Meetings.

Among recent topics of work, the ALAC and the GAC have been actively participating in the GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.

In Kobe, the ALAC and GAC will be sharing views regarding the outcomes of the EPDP to date, and next steps in terms of policy and advice development the new WHOIS landscape.

Agenda

The agenda for the ALAC and GAC ICANN64 session is as follows:

1. **EPDP update**

The At-Large EPDP Members, Hadia Elminiaiwi (AFRALO) and Alan Greenberg (NARALO), presented weekly on At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) meetings regarding the latest work of the EPDP, since the EPDP's inception. Please see the recent ALAC statement (submitted 15 February 2019) on the EPDP Final Report (note: not a formal ICANN public comment).
Prior to the 15 February statement, the ALAC submitted a statement to ICANN public comment regarding Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team.

2. **Procedures for new gTLDs** (e.g., the ICANN Board's potential treatment of the Final Report recommendations of the Competition Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice (CCT) Review).

Potential areas of joint interest in CCT topics according to ALAC, include:
   a. Insufficiency of data for decision making. The CCT recommended and the GAC supported the notion of making data a high priority for the organization prior to any subsequent rounds.
   b. Higher incidence of DNS abuse in the new gTLDs. How does the ALAC and the GAC feel about the recent changes made by Contractual Compliance and what else needs to be done before any more rounds?
   c. Failure to engage communities and underserved regions. Both the ALAC and the GAC have communities and underserved regions as priorities for expansion of the DNS. What would need to be done differently in subsequent rounds?

3. **Further Follow up to the joint ALAC-GAC statement from ICANN 60**

The ALAC and the GAC have been focusing on enhancing inclusive and meaningful participation at ICANN and published a joint statement following the [ICANN60 Abu Dhabi Meeting](). After a clarification request from the Board following the ICANN63 Barcelona Communique in the last paragraph of the [joint follow-up statement](), both groups will take time in Kobe to follow up on this matter.

4. **Topics arising from the IGF speech of President Macron** (e.g., regulatory matters, the role of multilateral/multistakeholder solutions, etc.)

Item to be confirmed.

5. **ALAC-GAC cooperation on capacity building**

The ALAC and the GAC Underserved Regions Working Group will start discussions on a common capacity building initiative at the ICANN65 Marrackech Meeting in June 2019.

Further Information

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