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## ATRT3 Update

### Session 11.1 - ICANN Reviews Update

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#### Session Objective

During this session, GAC members will learn about the latest developments with the third Accountability and Transparency Review Team and engage in dialogue with the ATRT3 GAC Work Party to share information about the GAC.

#### Background

The ICANN Bylaws mandate that the community conduct a periodic review to assess how ICANN is executing its commitment to maintain and improve robust mechanisms for public input, accountability, and transparency. This ensures that the outcomes of its decision-making reflect the public interest and are accountable to the Internet community.

The ICANN Bylaws outline the general issues that the accountability and transparency review teams may assess. Those issues include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. assessing and improving ICANN Board governance;
2. assessing the role and effectiveness of the GAC's interaction with the Board and with the broader ICANN community, and making recommendations for improvement to ensure effective consideration by ICANN of GAC input on the public policy aspects of the technical coordination of the DNS;
3. assessing and improving the processes by which ICANN receives public input;
4. assessing the extent to which ICANN's decisions are supported and accepted by the Internet community;

5. assessing the policy development process to facilitate enhanced cross community deliberations, and effective and timely policy development;
6. assessing and improving the Independent Review Process.

On 20 December 2018, ICANN org announced the selection of an 18-member team to conduct the third [Accountability and Transparency Review](#) (ATRT3). The GAC nominated a member of the team - Mr. Liu Yue (China). The team has already conducted several meetings this year.

## Recent Developments

Subsequent to the overview briefing on the third ICANN Accountability and Transparency Review Team effort (ATRT3) that GAC ATRT3 Nominee Liu Yue provided to the GAC at the ICANN64 meeting in Kobe, Japan, the formal ICANN ATRT3 review effort began in early April.

The ATRT3 has decided to devote a portion of its work to reviewing the GAC and has established a sub-group devoted to assessing the role and effectiveness of GAC interactions with the ICANN Board and the broader ICANN community, and researching how to ensure that ICANN effectively considers the GAC's views on public policy aspects of DNS technology coordination.

The ATRT3 GAC Work Party has developed a series of questions looking back at implementation of the prior ATRT2 recommendations and looking forward to consideration of the effectiveness of the GAC-ICANN Board relationship with an eye toward developing future recommendations. While the GAC Leadership team has made itself available to answer specific questions, it also offered GAC participants the opportunity to join an informal GAC group that would make itself available to the ATRT3 to answer specific questions or provide helpful historical perspectives that might assist the review team in its work.

## Session Agenda

- Introductory Remarks
- Overview of ATRT3 Progress
- ATRT3 Questions For GAC
  1. Where and how do you believe GAC accountability and/or transparency has opportunities for improvement?
  2. Regarding implementation of recommendations from ATRT2: GAC Operations & Interactions Recommendation 6. Which point do you believe requires more work?
  3. GAC Operating Principles: Is there any point inside GAC Operating Principles that you believe deserves improvement, regarding accountability and transparency?
  4. Is GAC satisfied with its interactions with the Board? With other communities? What kind of improvements would GAC like to see implemented?
  5. The ATRT3 is also planning a “case-study” of 2 Character Country Codes
  6. The ATRT3 is also planning a “case study” of the .AMAZON matter
- AOB

## Current Positions

The GAC Leadership Team is supportive of interaction with the ATRT3 review team. The more information that is shared, the more informed the ATRT3 can be about the GAC and its work. In addition to active engagement with the review team by the GAC Leadership Team, GAC members and observers have been invited to make themselves available as part of a resource group that could help the review team with any specific requests for context, background or information.

## Key Reference Documents

- The ATRT3 wiki web page can be found here - <https://community.icann.org/display/atrt/ATRT3>
- The ATRT3 Terms of Reference and Work Plan, just approved on 12 June 2019, can be found here - <https://community.icann.org/display/atrt/Terms+of+Reference>
- Recommendations from ATRT2: GAC Operations & Interactions Recommendation 6 - <https://community.icann.org/display/atrt/ATRT2+Implementation+Briefing+Materials?previ+ew=/108332215/108332230/GAC%20Operations%20%26%20Interactions.pdf>

## Further Information

- Session transcript and materials from Liu Yue's ATRT3 briefing to GAC at ICANN64 - Kobe - <https://64.schedule.icann.org/meetings/961962>

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