
Board - GAC Interaction Group (BGIG) Session

Session 6.3

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Session Objective

During this session members of the Board-GAC Interaction Group will have the opportunity to discuss Board treatment of GAC consensus advice supplied in the GAC Kobe Communique and be updated on the expectations for treatment of the consensus advice in the GAC Marrakech Communique.

Background

Efforts to improve the processing and tracking of GAC advice have been a fundamental focus of the Board and the GAC for some time.

Originated back in 2011 to address recommendations from the first Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT) effort, the original Board-GAC Review Implementation (BGRI) Working Group served as a vehicle for regular dialogue between the Board and GAC members. The collaborative BGRI effort improved the process for receipt, consideration, processing and tracking of GAC advice by the ICANN Board.

Issues under BGRI discussion over the years included the actual definition of GAC advice; improvements to the process for considering GAC advice; discussion of matters involving the implementation of GAC advice; sources of GAC secretariat support; various amendments to the GAC Operating Principles; and various other information exchanges between the two entities. More recently, the GAC Leadership and Board members have utilized the BGRI as a useful forum for operational discussions and examinations of strategic aspects of their working relationship.

At the ICANN63 meeting in Barcelona, the GAC and members of the ICANN Board agreed to change the name of the existing BGRI to the new *Board-GAC Interaction Group* (BGIG) - as evidence of the commitment to continued interaction and active cooperative efforts between the Board and the GAC.

The new “BGIG” name reflects a renewed commitment to the collaborative work of the GAC and Board members. It is expected that the BGIG will continue to explore initiatives and opportunities that can improve the GAC's operations and facilitate meaningful interaction with the ICANN Board.

Agenda (updated 11 June 2019)

For ICANN65, the preliminary BGIG meeting agenda will likely include:

- Introductions
- Review Board action on the Kobe Advice
- Timeline for Board action on the Marrakech Advice
- Status of Deferred Advice and other pending advice
- Any other business

Further Background Information/Details:

The Board-GAC Recommendations Implementation Working Group (BGRI-WG) (<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/board-gac-2011-2012-02-28-en>) was originally created to implement GAC-related recommendations of the first ICANN Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATR1), <https://www.icann.org/resources/reviews/specific-reviews/atr1>.

The BGRI's term was then extended to implement GAC-related recommendations of the second Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATR2), <https://www.icann.org/resources/reviews/specific-reviews/atr2>;

And see ATR2 Recommendation Implementation Wiki - <https://community.icann.org/display/atr/ATR2+Implementation+Program> - see recommendation 6 for GAC recommendations

Records (transcripts and recordings) of the ICANN63 BGRI Meeting at which the working group name was updated - <https://63.schedule.icann.org/meetings/901607>

Other Useful Links:

Final Recommendations of the First ATRT – 31 Dec 2010:

<http://www.icann.org/en/reviews/affirmation/atrt-final-recommendations-31dec10-en.pdf>

Board/GAC JWG Final Report – 19 June 2011:

<http://www.icann.org/en/committees/board-gac-2009/board-gac-jwg-final-report-19jun11-en.pdf>

ICANN ATRT Home Page: <https://www.icann.org/resources/accountability>

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