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## GAC Opening Plenary Session

### Session 2.1

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#### Session Objective

Information and updates for GAC from the GAC Chair about developments since the last in-person meeting and preparation for the meeting week ahead.

#### Background

The Opening Plenary session of the GAC gives delegates from all the attending GAC members and observer organizations the opportunity to introduce themselves. During an opening “tour de table”, each delegate in attendance provides their name and the GAC member or observing organization they represent. Support staff tracks attendance for purposes of meeting records, quorum determination, development of meeting minutes and publication of the GAC Communiqué.

The opening plenary session also gives the GAC Chair an opportunity to provide an overview report on what delegates can expect during the coming week of meetings. During the opening Marrakech session, the GAC Chair plans to report on the committee efforts made regarding action items and next steps identified during the previous GAC meeting in Kobe, Japan. The Chair will also present information and ideas regarding the GAC Leadership team’s priorities, goals and work plans for the 2019 calendar year. GAC participants are invited to share comments on their meeting goals and expectations.

Beginning with the ICANN64 in Kobe, Japan, the GAC has also offered the GAC representative from the country hosting the ICANN Public Meeting the opportunity to provide welcoming and introductory remarks to the GAC participants.

## Recent Developments

The GAC has been an active contributor to a number of ICANN community public forums and cross community efforts in the last few months, including the Initial Report of the new gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Work Track 5 on Geographic Names at the Top Level, the ICANN Draft FY20 Operating Plan and Budget and Five Year Operating Plan Update, the ICANN First Consultation on a Two-Year Planning process, and the evolution of ICANN’s Multistakeholder Model.

The GAC leadership has also initiated an effort to encourage more GAC participants to volunteer for working group efforts. At the GAC leadership team’s direction, GAC Support staff has conducted a full inventory of the participation in all GAC working groups. The GAC Support staff team is currently updating working group membership records and will be working with the co-chairs of each group to confirm each group’s member list and looking to add new members. The goal of this process is to ultimately establish and maintain efficient records in a single location so that support staff can effectively manage the information as various GAC participants depart and new members volunteer, and so new working groups can be smoothly accommodated as they are created.

## Key Reference Documents

GAC ICANN64 Action Points (Google Doc) -

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q2jygHjk1MQHoUYj2k1hjPDaw5TAebMRWqG98Go6eEY/edit#gid=0>.

## Further Information

GAC Working Group Volunteer Information -

<https://mm.icann.org/mailman/private/gac/2019-May/017706.html>

Guidelines For High Level Government Meetings -

<https://gac.icann.org/meeting-services/guidelines-for-high-level-government-meetings>

GAC Public Comment Filings -

<https://gac.icann.org/activity/gac-public-comment-opportunities#act-outcomes-head>

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