
GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

Session 16

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Session Objectives

An ICANN Public Meeting creates the opportunity for the GAC to meet and interact with other ICANN groups, organizations and structures - enabling the committee to coordinate and resolve specific policy work and operational matters and to build channels of communication with other groups to address current issues of government interest and facilitate future informational exchanges. The GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board of Directors is one of those important opportunities. The Tuesday, 12 November GAC meeting with the ICANN Board at ICANN81 will enable the GAC to share views and ask timely questions of Board Members on topics of importance to the committee.

Recent Developments

Recent GAC-Board Meetings have covered a range of subjects and topics that have mostly centered around formal questions the GAC submits to the Board about two to three weeks before the start of the ICANN Public Meeting. For some meetings, the Board presents a number of standard questions or session topics to community groups for them to respond to the Board.

For ICANN81, the Board has proposed one specific questions for the 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.*

With respect to the topics and questions from the GAC to the ICANN Board, during the ICANN81 Agenda Setting Calls on 4 September and 30 September, GAC members were reminded to share potential topics and questions for compilation by GAC Support staff and subsequent curation from the GAC Chair and Vice Chair (C-VC) team.

So far, the identified topics areas include the Applicant Support Program for the next round of new gTLDs, responses to urgent requests for disclosure of domain name registration, and policy process transparency. The C-VC will discuss and curate the questions that have been submitted. The initial list of questions for ICANN81 will be shared with the Board by 29 October.

GAC Members will discuss particular drafted questions to present to the Board during a special committee pre-meeting preparatory call before ICANN81, after which finalized questions will be shared with the Board in preparation for the meeting.

Session Agenda

Session #16 - Tuesday, 12 November (1015 UTC) - GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

A preliminary meeting agenda for the joint meeting (as of 21 October) is:

- A. Introductions
- B. Review of GAC Topics/Questions (shared in advance of meeting)
- C. Review of Board Question to the GAC
- D. AOB
- E. Closing

Further Information

Board-GAC Interactions -

- Within the ICANN multistakeholder community, the GAC has a fundamental relationship with the ICANN Board of Directors that is detailed in the ICANN Bylaws (see ICANN Bylaws Section 12.2(a)) and the Board-GAC meeting is a regular feature of every ICANN Public Meeting - <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en/#article12>
- From time-to-time, the GAC also hosts a meeting of the Board-GAC Interaction Group (BGIG) which is covered by a separate briefing document. For this meeting cycle, that meeting took place on 21 October 2024, during which Board members shared their reactions to the GAC Issues of Importance identified in the ICANN80 Communiqué. Information materials about that interaction can be found here - <https://gac.icann.org/sessions/boardgac-interaction-group-call-bgig-13-may-2024> (GAC ICANN Account log-in required).

Topical Reference Documents -

- The [Board Scorecard on ICANN79 GAC Advice \(5 May 2024\)](#), outlining Board decisions following the issuance of GAC advice at ICANN78.

- The [Board Scorecard on ICANN79 GAC Issues of Importance](#) (9 May 2024)

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