# Agenda Item 21: GAC Working Group on Participation in the ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom) – Update to GAC

## Issue

Possible public-policy-focused criteria for the NomCom to use in selecting members for the ICANN Board.

## Action required by GAC

The Working Group Chair (Olga Cavalli, Argentina) has circulated to GAC for comment and review the latest draft of suggested public-policy-focused criteria for the NomCom to use in selecting members for the ICANN Board. The draft document is attached.

## Current position

This Working Group was created in 2014 and is chaired by Argentina (Olga Cavalli).

The ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom) is an independent committee tasked with identifying and selecting individuals for leadership positions. The ICANN Bylaws call for NomCom to make a specified number of appointments to the ICANN Board of Directors (Board), the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council, the Country-Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council, and the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC).

The GAC has a position on the NomCom. However, this has been vacant for some years due to a lack of agreement within the GAC on the proper role for this position.

## Further Information

GAC Working Group website: <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-working-group-on-gac-participation-in-nomcom>

ICANN NomCom: <https://www.icann.org/nomcom2018>

Organisational review of NomCom: <https://community.icann.org/display/OR>

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## Criteria for GAC to Submit to NomCom

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The GAC is of the view that the ICANN Board should include, collectively among its membership, members who have the following qualifications and attributes:

**The personal qualities and experience identified by the ICANN Board in its advice to the NomCom of March 2017**[[1]](#footnote-1)**.**

RATIONALE: It is a matter of good public policy that ICANN operate efficiently and effectively. The criteria identified by the Board appear to be a reasonable set of operational requirements for this purpose.

**Experience of working with or in the public sector, including national or local government, public authorities or inter-governmental bodies.**

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RATIONALE: Experience in working or interacting with governments or public authorities would contribute to a good understanding by the Board of GAC input which represents the view of concerned/interested governments and inter-governmental bodies.

**An understanding and appreciation of advancing the public interest through building partnerships and consensus**

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RATIONALE: Understanding and appreciation of public-private partnerships and/or multistakeholder processes with track record in developing a consultative approach can facilitate a constructive resolution of matters.

**Experience in the multicultural setting and understanding of the value and importance of diversity for ICANN as a global coordinator of the Domain Name System**

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RATIONALE: Pursuit of diversity is a legitimate public policy goal, especially when it comes to a global organization that strives to be inclusive.

1. See <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/crocker-to-nomcom-09mar17-en.pdf>

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