# Agenda Item 4: High Level Governmental Meeting Update

## Note: This briefing has been prepared by ICANN support staff.

## Topic Overview:

The formal reports of the first two Accountability and Transparency Review Efforts (ATRT1 and ATRT2) recommended that the GAC organize High Level Governmental Meetings (“HLGMs”) “no less frequently than every second year” in order to make more countries aware of ICANN and the GAC as well as to raise the level of awareness and support in higher government echelons. Inspired by these recommendations, the GAC and individual host country governments organized a first HLGM in Toronto in 2012, a second meeting in London in 2014 and a third during ICANN 55 in Marrakech. In keeping with this frequency, a fourth HLGM is scheduled to be hosted by the government of Spain later this year on 22 October at ICANN62 in Barcelona.

## GAC Action Required:

The GAC will be briefed in Panama on the latest preparations and plans for the HLGM in Barcelona by the host government.

## Current Status/Logistical Highlights:

* ICANN 63: 20 - 26 Oct 2018
* Venue: Barcelona International Convention Centre (CCIB)
* HLGM: 22nd October (Monday)
* Lunch for Ministers, Head of Delegations and ICANN high officials
* Post-Meeting reception being planned
* Host invitations letters were mailed to high ranking officials in mid- March. Follow-up emails invitations were carbon-copied to GAC member representatives.
* GAC members provided advice, suggestions, perspective and insights about potential agenda items to the host government and GAC leadership at ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi, at ICANN61 in San Juan and via email. An agenda has now been completed and will be shared with potential attendees in a second round of reminder invitations.

## Further Background Information/Details:

GAC Guidelines For High Level Government Meetings - <https://gac.icann.org/meeting-services/guidelines-for-high-level-government-meetings>

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