
Agenda Item 9: GAC Working Group to Examine the Protection of Geographic Names in any Future Expansion of gTLDs

Issues

To be advised by the Working Group.

Action required by GAC

This depends on what the Working Group reports to the GAC.

Current position

This Working Group is chaired by Argentina (Olga Cavalli).

The Working Group last met at ICANN 60 (Abu Dhabi) and reported as follows:

The GAC Working Group to Examine the Protection of Geographic Names in any Future Expansion of gTLDs met and analyzed the ways for it and the GAC to participate in the new "Work Track 5" on geographic names of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group. The Working Group decided: To ask the GAC leadership to identify a small group of GAC colleagues to join Work Track 5 and organize the work of this group; and to continue its work as currently established and to act as a space for analyzing the development of the activities of Work Track 5. A summary of the two open sessions on geographic names as TLDs organized by the GNSO during the ICANN 59 meeting in Johannesburg was distributed.¹

The issue of geographic names at the top level for gTLDs is currently being considered by Work Track 5 of the GNSO PDP on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (see briefing for Agenda Items 3 and 10).

Further Information

Working Group on GAC website: <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-working-group-to-examine-the-protection-of-geographic-names-in-any-future-expansion-of-gtlds>

GNSO PDP on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Work Track 5: <https://community.icann.org/display/NGSPP/Work+Track+5%3A+Geographic+Names+at+the+Top-Level>

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¹ GAC Abu Dhabi Communiqué