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Governmental Advisory Committee

Bilateral Meeting with the ALAC

Session 9.1

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Session Objectives

The GAC and ALAC regularly meet at ICANN Meetings to discuss public policy matters of government and end users interest.

At ICANN65, the ALAC and GAC will discuss the ongoing work of EPDP Phase 2 and follow-up on the ICANN64 joint statement on EPDP, as well as future collaboration on public policy issues and capacity building initiatives.

Background

The At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) is the primary ICANN-designated organizational home for the voice and concerns of individual Internet users. Representing the At-Large Community, the 15-member ALAC consists of two members selected by each of the five Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs) and five members appointed by ICANN's Nominating Committee. Advocating for the interests of end-users, the ALAC advises on the activities of ICANN, including Internet policies developed by ICANN's Supporting Organizations.

The GAC and ALAC have been regularly meeting at ICANN Public Meetings in order to coordinate and discuss public policy issues of common interest.

Recently, the GAC has appointed a point of contact to the ALAC, Ana Neves (Portugal). The ALAC has appointed a liaison to the GAC, Yrjö Lansipuro. Their role is to facilitate policy and other internal

community discussions among the groups, as well as meeting agenda preparations for ICANN Meetings.

Among recent topics of work, the ALAC and the GAC have been actively participating in the [GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data](#) and published a joint statement on EPDP during the ICANN64 Kobe Meeting.

Agenda

In Marrakech, the ALAC and GAC will be sharing views regarding the following:

(1) EPDP - follow up to the [joint statement from ICANN64](#) (13 March 2019)

The ICANN64 joint GAC - ALAC statement draws concerns on EPDP Phase 1 report that will be raised during the work to progress to EPDP Phase 2.
-   The need to distinguish between natural and legal persons and the practical implementation of such principle
-   The importance of data accuracy
-   The importance of the technical contact field which should be required by registrars and not optional

The GAC and the ALAC will discuss the progress made from ICANN64 to ICANN65 on Phase 2 of the EPDP.

(2) Cooperation in capacity-building initiatives

One of the action points from the ICANN64 GAC Minutes, was for the "USR WG co-chairs to reach out to ALAC co-chairs to explore establishing a focus group on capacity building initiatives"[1]. On April 2019, both groups held a [conference call](#) to discuss capacity building developments to date, and next steps leading to ICANN65.
The ALAC and GAC will be meeting separately during ICANN65 to continue the discussion and report to the GAC during the joint meeting on Wednesday 26 June from 10:30 to 11:00.

(3) Cooperation on policy areas of government and end users interests

During their last call, the GAC and ALAC Leaderships discussed potential coordination opportunities on public policy issues of importance to both groups. This topic will also be part of the silo session on Monday 24 June, and an update will be provided during the joint meeting.

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[1] ICANN64 GAC Kobe Minutes: https://gac.icann.org/contentMigrated/icann64-gac-kobe-minutes

Further Information

[ALAC Consolidated Policy Working Group (incl. EPDP)](#)

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