
GAC First Timers Session

Session 0 - GAC First Timers Session

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Session Objective

The purpose of this non-plenary pre-meeting session is to welcome GAC participants attending their first GAC in-person meeting and to inform them about the goals, processes, practices and general environment of the GAC experience during an ICANN Public Meeting.

Background

GAC members realize that the ICANN meeting experience can be a challenging one for new participants and directed GAC Support Staff to develop a regular mechanism for welcoming and on-boarding new participants.

Before every ICANN public meeting, GAC Support staff identify “first-time” GAC meeting participants and, in a small non-plenary session (prior to the start of the official GAC meeting), offer them an informal briefing featuring an introduction to the purposes, logistics and administration of an in-person GAC meeting during an ICANN Public Meeting. The first briefing session occurred before the ICANN63 meeting and the agenda has evolved to reflect topics that are of interest to new participants.

The intention of the briefing is to provide first-time participants with an overview of GAC public meetings (background and purpose), familiarize them with GAC Meeting operations and logistics and to prepare them to participate and contribute at the meeting.

Agenda

During the session the staff and new participants cover:

1. An Overview of Expectations For GAC Public Meetings
2. A Review of GAC Membership, Leadership and Secretariat Support Meeting Roles
3. Information about the Public Meeting Logistics and Awareness including:
 - a. What to know about an ICANN Meeting
 - i. GAC Pre-Meeting preparation (agenda prep and schedule overview)
 - ii. GAC's role at ICANN Public Meetings
 - iii. GAC Membership Participation in GAC Meeting
 1. Seating
 2. Contributions/Participation
 - b. Communicate drafting sessions and purpose
4. ICANN66 Questions and Answers

Key Reference Documents:

- ICANN66 GAC Meeting Schedule - <https://gac.icann.org/agendas/icann66-montreal-agenda>
- Attending Your First GAC Meeting - <https://gac.icann.org/meeting-services/attending-your-first-gac-meeting>

Further Information

About the GAC - <https://gac.icann.org/about/index>

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