
GAC Opening Plenary Session

Session 1 - GAC Opening Plenary Session

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Session Objective

The Opening Plenary Session is the first opportunity for GAC participants to gather, introduce themselves and prepare for the meeting week. During this session, the GAC Chair offers Information and updates for the GAC about developments since the last in-person meeting and preparation for the meeting week ahead.

Background

The Opening Plenary session of the GAC gives delegates from all the attending GAC members and observer organizations the opportunity to introduce themselves. During an opening “tour de table”, each delegate in attendance provides their name and the GAC member or observing organization they represent. Support staff tracks attendance for purposes of meeting records, quorum determination, development of meeting minutes and publication of the GAC Communiqué.

The opening plenary session also gives the GAC Chair an opportunity to provide an overview report on what delegates can expect during the coming week of meetings. During this opening Montreal session, the GAC Chair plans to report on the committee efforts made regarding action items and next steps identified during the previous GAC meeting in Marrakech, Morocco. GAC participants are invited to share comments on their meeting goals and expectations.

Since the ICANN64 in Kobe, Japan, the GAC has also offered the GAC representative from the country hosting the ICANN Public Meeting the opportunity to provide welcoming and introductory remarks to the GAC participants.

Recent Developments

The GAC has been an active contributor to a number of ICANN community public forums and cross community efforts in the last few months including [Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model of Governance](#) and [GNSO PDP on IGO-INGO Access to Curative RPMs Policy Recommendations for ICANN Board Consideration](#). Those documents are recorded and tracked on a special web page of the GAC web site and can be located here -

<https://gac.icann.org/activity/gac-public-comment-opportunities>

Since ICANN65, the GAC has also sent and received correspondence regarding several matters of importance to GAC members including such topics as DNS Abuse Mitigation, IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms, GAC interactions with the ICANN Nominating Committee, and the tracking of GAC Advice by ICANN org. Those documents are recorded and tracked on a special web page of the GAC web site and can be located here -

<https://gac.icann.org/advice/correspondence/>.

The GAC leadership has also seen results from the recent efforts to encourage more GAC participants to volunteer for working group efforts. At the GAC leadership team's direction, GAC Support staff has conducted a full inventory of the participation in all GAC working groups. The GAC Support staff team is currently updating working group membership records and will be working with the co-chairs of each group to confirm each group's member list and looking to add new members. The goal of this process is to ultimately establish and maintain efficient records in a single location so that support staff can effectively manage the information as various GAC participants depart and new members volunteer, and so new working groups can be smoothly accommodated as they are created.

During the ICANN65 meeting in Marrakech, the GAC Support Staff noted a number of follow-up matters and action items agreed to among GAC attendees. Those items are tracked via a google collaboration document that can be accessed here -

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q2jygHjk1MQHoUYj2k1hjPDaw5TAebMRWqG98Go6eEY/edit#gid=1067667374>

Key Reference Documents

GAC ICANN65 Action Points (Google Doc) -

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q2jygHjk1MQHoUYj2k1hjPDaw5TAebMRWqG98Go6eEY/edit#gid=1067667374>

GAC Public Opportunities Web Page -

<https://gac.icann.org/activity/gac-public-comment-opportunities>

GAC Correspondence Web Page - <https://gac.icann.org/advice/correspondence/>

Further Information

GAC Working Group Volunteer Information -

<https://mm.icann.org/mailman/private/gac/2019-May/017706.html>

Guidelines For High Level Government Meetings -

<https://gac.icann.org/meeting-services/guidelines-for-high-level-government-meetings>

GAC Public Comment Filings -

<https://gac.icann.org/activity/gac-public-comment-opportunities#act-outcomes-head>

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