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Session #13 - GAC/RySG Dialogue
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Session Objective

These two sessions will feature discussions with representatives of the GNSO in hopes of furthering understanding and resolving various issues - including the long-standing issue of access to curative rights protection mechanisms for intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), the development of subsequent procedures for potential future rounds of new gTLDs and matter of mutual interest regarding the evolution of ICANN's multistakeholder model and approaches to mitigate cases of DNS abuse.

Background

With the pace of GAC participation changes in recent years, it has been observed that information sharing with various parts of the ICANN community is valuable to help GAC members understand the context of various DNS issues. Occasional dialogue with members of other ICANN communities can enhance communications and information sharing and create connections that can be relied on as new policy and operational topics are introduced and discussed.

At recent public meetings, the GAC has interacted with other groups from the gTLD space including business, intellectual property and non commercial interests. These meetings with

the GNSO Council and contracted parties in Montreal will continue that strategic communications approach.

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) is a body within the ICANN community responsible for developing and recommending to the ICANN Board substantive policies relating to generic top-level domains. The GNSO is the largest Supporting Organization within the ICANN framework.

The GAC normally meets with the Chair and other members of the GNSO Council at each ICANN public meeting to discuss issues of common concern and identify methods for better cooperation. The current Chair of the GNSO Council is Mr. Keith Drazek. Vice Chairs are Ms. Pam Little and Mr. Rafik Dammak. The GNSO Liaison to the GAC is Mr. Johan (Julf) Helsingius.

The GNSO is a "federation" of different stakeholder groups. It is comprised of two "Houses" - one "house" for parties contracted to ICANN (Registries and Registrars) and a second "house" for other parties – commercial and non-commercial interests.

The GNSO Council and the GNSO stakeholder groups have different roles within the GNSO. The Council undertakes the role of manager of the policy development process. The Council is populated by representative members of the various GNSO stakeholder groups and constituencies. Comparatively, the stakeholder groups themselves (including the Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG) and the Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG)) are focused on operational considerations, sharing information and helping their members understand the overall GNSO activities and responsibilities. Various stakeholder groups participate directly in policy development working groups.

Prior to ICANN Public Meetings, The leadership teams of both the GNSO Council and the GAC meet via teleconference to identify the most pressing issues that merit further face to face discussions at the upcoming meeting.

Agenda

Each bilateral community meeting features discussion of topics specific to that group's interests as they pertain to governments at ICANN.

GNSO Council Agenda:

The community leaders reviewed a list of six potential agenda topics for Montreal and agreed that several of the agenda options could be consolidated or combined. As a result, it was agreed that the following four agenda topics would be targeted for discussion during the joint GNSO - GAC meeting at ICANN66:

- Discussion of Curative Rights Developments (including a new Rights Protection Mechanism Subgroup Charter)
- Discussion of respective community interests involving the proceeding regarding ICANN's Evolving Multistakeholder Model (including GNSO PDP 3.0 matters)

- An Update on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Matters (including Work Track 5 progress); and
- A Discussion of EPDP Phase 2 developments (if necessary and not adequately covered during other ICANN66 sessions – TBD shortly before Montreal)

The leaders noted that the discussions in Montreal could be substantially improved if information and potential discussion points and questions on the various topics could be shared ahead of time so that members of both communities could prepare their thoughts.

RySG Meeting Agenda:

The discussion with leaders of the gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) will include:

- Providing members of the GAC with an understanding of how registry operators mitigate; and respond to DNS Abuse (incl. RySG "open letter" sent on 19 August and GAC response)
- Registries perspective on ongoing policy development in the EPDP on gTLD Registration Data.

Further Information and Documentation

For additional insights on topics that may be discussed during this session, please review the pre-meeting topic briefings for IGO protections and the Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.

Further information about the GNSO and its policy development process are available at http://gnso.icann.org/en/about.

GNSO web site – https://gnso.icann.org/en

gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group Web Site – https://www.rysg.info/

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