
GAC Bilateral Meeting with the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

Session 24

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Session Objective

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

At ICANN66, the ALAC and GAC will discuss the ongoing work of EPDP Phase 2, capacity building initiatives and potential ALAC collaboration with the GAC on Subsequent Procedures.

Background

The At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) is the primary ICANN-designated organizational home for the voice and concerns of individual Internet end 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 ICANN 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 between 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. Both groups will follow up on this matter at ICANN66, as you can see on the session agenda below.

Agenda and Outcomes

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

1. Updates on EPDP

The topics proposed by the ALAC below, of potential common interest, will be discussed during the meeting in regards to EPDP.

- Complying with the GDPR and other relevant data protection laws
- Standardized System for Access/Disclosure (SSAD)
- Accreditation – Authorization
- Accuracy of gTLD registration data
- Distinction between natural & legal persons
- Other possible topics
 - o Technical field contact Information (*added to the ALAC and GAC joint statement on EPDP*)
 - o Research requirements pertaining to the security and stability of the Internet

2. Cooperation in capacity building initiatives

Following the ICANN65 Meeting, the discussion will continue on future initiatives related to capacity building for GAC and ALAC Members by working jointly to lower barriers to participation.

ALAC Members will provide an overview of the [ATLAS III Summit](#), aimed at providing participants with the skills required to effectively represent the best interests of Internet end-users within ICANN.

3. Subsequent Procedures

During the ICANN65 Meeting, the GAC Focal Group agreed to “consider interactions [on subsequent procedures] with the ALAC as appropriate”.

At ICANN66, the discussion will continue between both groups, on the potential level of participation of the ALAC on GAC matters related to Subsequent Procedures with the Focal Group, and to a larger extent on Work Track 5.

Key Reference Documents

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

[GAC and ALAC activity page](#) (includes ALAC and GAC joint statement on EPDP)

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