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ATRT3 Review Update

Session 28 - Third Accountability and Transparency Review (ATRT3) Update

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Session Objective

During this session, GAC members will learn about the latest developments with the third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3) and engage in dialogue with the ATRT3 GAC Work Party to share information about the GAC and the status of the work party's efforts.

Background

The ICANN Bylaws mandate that the community conduct a periodic review to assess how ICANN is executing its commitment to maintain and improve robust mechanisms for public input, accountability, and transparency. This ensures that the outcomes of its decision-making reflect the public interest and are accountable to the Internet community.

The ICANN Bylaws outline the general issues that established accountability and transparency review teams may assess. Those issues include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. assessing and improving ICANN Board governance;
2. assessing the role and effectiveness of the GAC's interaction with the Board and with the broader ICANN community, and making recommendations for improvement to ensure effective consideration by ICANN of GAC input on the public policy aspects of the technical coordination of the DNS;
3. assessing and improving the processes by which ICANN receives public input;

4. assessing the extent to which ICANN's decisions are supported and accepted by the Internet community;
5. assessing the policy development process to facilitate enhanced cross community deliberations, and effective and timely policy development;
6. assessing and improving the Independent Review Process.

On 20 December 2018, ICANN org announced the selection of an 18-member team to conduct the third [Accountability and Transparency Review](#) (ATRT3). The GAC nominated a member of the team - Mr. Liu Yue (China).

The ATRT3 decided to devote a portion of its work to reviewing the GAC and established a "work party" devoted to assessing the role and effectiveness of GAC interactions with the ICANN Board and the broader ICANN community, and researching how to ensure that ICANN effectively considers the GAC's views on public policy aspects of DNS technology coordination.

This "ATRT3 GAC Work Party" developed a series of questions looking back at implementation of the prior ATRT2 recommendations and looking forward to consideration of the effectiveness of the GAC-ICANN Board relationship with an eye toward developing future recommendations.

Members of the GAC Work Party met with the GAC in plenary session at ICANN65 in Marrakech at which time the work party shared questions for GAC feedback.

Recent Developments

Since the ICANN65 meeting, the ATRT3 also developed two survey documents asking for community insights and information about the subjects of its review. One survey asked for input from ICANN community structures (i.e., supporting organizations and advisory committees) and a second survey sought input from individual community members.

The GAC supplied responses to a GAC-specific Community Structure Survey and GAC members were encouraged to participate in the separate individual response survey.

The GAC leadership also coordinated a GAC response to several written questions that the ATRT3 GAC Work Party members shared with the GAC at the time of the Marrakech meeting. Links to copies of those response documents can be found in Key Reference Documents section of this briefing.

Session Agenda

(as of 14 October 2019)

The original ATRT3 work plan targeted the ICANN66 Montreal meeting for an initial report of its efforts. This session, scheduled for the GAC meeting in Montreal, will feature the following agenda items:

- Introductory Remarks
- Overview of ATRT3 Progress
- AOB

Current Positions

The GAC Leadership Team has been supportive of interaction with the ATRT3 review team with the expectation that the more information that is shared, the more informed the ATRT3 can be about the GAC and its work. In addition to active engagement with the review team by the GAC Leadership Team, GAC members and observers have been invited and are still encouraged to make themselves available to help the review team with any specific requests for context, background or information about the work of the GAC.

Key Reference Documents

- Copy of GAC responses to ATRT3 Community Structures Survey - https://gac.icann.org/activity/gac-involvement-in-icann-atrt3

- Copy of GAC responses to ATRT3 GAC Work Party Questions - https://gac.icann.org/activity/gac-involvement-in-icann-atrt3

- The ATRT3 wiki web page can be found here - https://community.icann.org/display/atrt/ATRT3

- ATRT3 GAC Work Party web page - https://community.icann.org/display/atrt/GAC+WP

- The ATRT3 Terms of Reference and Work Plan (approved on 12 June 2019) can be found here - https://community.icann.org/display/atrt/Terms+of+Reference

- Recommendations from ATRT2: GAC Operations & Interactions Recommendation 6 - https://community.icann.org/display/atrt/ATRT2+Implementation+Briefing+Materials?preview=/108332215/108332230/GAC%20Operations%20%26%20Interactions.pdf

Further Information

- The GAC ATRT3 Activity page can be found here - https://gac.icann.org/activity/gac-involvement-in-icann-atrt3
- Session transcript and materials from Liu Yue's ATRT3 briefing to GAC at ICANN64 - Kobe - https://64.schedule.icann.org/meetings/961962
- Session transcript and materials from ATRT3 GAC Work Party session with the GAC at ICANN65 - Marrakech - https://65.schedule.icann.org/meetings/1058191

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