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## GAC Operating Principles Evolution Working Group (GOPE WG) Plenary Meeting

### Session 4

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#### Session Objective

The Working Group will brief the GAC membership on its progress toward the development of guidelines for working group operations.

#### Background

At the ICANN63 meeting in Barcelona, Spain, the GAC created a new working group to study, develop and make recommendations to the GAC membership for changes to the current [GAC Operating Principles](#). It is intended that the efforts of this new GAC Operating Principles Evolution (GOPE) Working Group will help the GAC improve the organization, scope, clarity and specificity of the committee's processes and procedures - particularly in the new era of the ICANN Empowered Community.

Based on the working group terms of reference, the results of the GOPE effort may range from recommending:

- Modifications to or reorganization of the overall structure of the current GAC Operating Principles; or
- Changes to existing operating principles to provide more clarity and specificity; or

- The addition of new operating principles that provide more guidance and specificity to the operations of the committee; or even
- Proposals to remove principles that are no longer relevant to the committee’s work.

Based on consultation with GAC leadership and GAC members, the GOPE WG has been focusing its work on the development of GAC Working Group Guidelines in the year 2019.

### Leadership Proposal for GAC Action

Review updated working group guideline recommendations for potential adoption by the GAC - noting the need for future alignment with updated GAC Operating Principles.

### Relevant Developments

At the ICANN65 meeting in Marrakech, Morocco, discussions were initiated about new working guidelines - the first initiative on the working group’s work plan. Since the ICANN65 meeting, GOPE WG members have continued these discussions and have worked toward a complete set of draft working group guideline recommendations that can be endorsed by the GAC and further fashioned, as appropriate, into more general concepts that can be aligned with updated GAC Operating Principles applicable to future GAC working group efforts.

### Key Reference Documents

[GOPE WG Terms of Reference](#) as affirmed by the GAC (14 March 2019)

[Initial Work Plan of the GOPE WG for Year 2019](#), as affirmed by GAC (March 2019)-

[Framework of GAC Working Group Guidelines](#) (Working Document)

### Further Information

GOPE WG Web Page -

<https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-operating-principles-evolution-working-group-gope-wg>

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