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GAC Opening Plenary Session
Session # 1 - Opening Plenary

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Session Objectives

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 typically offers information and updates to the GAC about developments since the last in-person meeting and preparation for the meeting week ahead.

Background

The GAC opening plenary session gives the GAC Chair an opportunity to provide an overview report on what delegates can expect during the coming week of meetings. That overview will be even more important for this ICANN67 Virtual meeting as it will be the GAC's first experience with this type of meeting format.

During this opening 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 Montreal, Canada. GAC participants will be invited to share comments on their meeting goals and expectations.

During traditional GAC face-to-face meetings, the Opening Plenary session gives delegates from all the attending GAC Members and Observer organizations the opportunity to introduce themselves. The revised "virtual" format of this ICANN67 meeting will not enable this capability. Instead, GAC Support staff will track remote attendance for purposes of meeting records by observing those present in sessions throughout the week in the Zoom rooms set up for that purpose.

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 Implementation Plan for the GNSO Consensus Policy Relating to the Protection of Certain Red Cross Names, Registration Directory Service (RDS-WHOIS2) Review Team Final Report, Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3) Draft Report, Proposed Dates for ICANN Public Meetings 2024-2028 and Revised Dates in 2022 and ICANN's Draft FY21-25 Operating & Financial Plan and Draft FY21 Operating Plan and Budget. 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 ICANN66, the GAC has also sent and received correspondence regarding several matters of importance to GAC members including such topics as ICANN's Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review, the GNSO PDP 3.0 update, ICANN Fundamental Bylaws Amendments, EPDP Phase 1 Implementation, community interest in the announced PIR (.org) transaction and clarification of the GAC's Montreal Communique. Those documents and several others are posted 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 continues to work to align GAC membership and working group membership records. The goal of this work 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 (please see the pre-meeting briefing for Session 25 - GAC Wrap-Up Session for more information).

During the ICANN66 meeting in Montreal, 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 ICANN66 Action Points (Google Doc) - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q2jygHjk1MQHoUYj2k1hjPDAw5TAebMRWqG98Go6eEY/edit#gid=1067667374
- GAC Public Comment 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

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