
GAC ICANN68 Wrap-Up Session

Session # 13 - GAC Wrap-Up Session

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Session Objectives

The final session of the GAC ICANN68 Virtual Policy Forum week will offer an opportunity for GAC Members to learn from certain GAC Working Groups about their recent intersessional activities and future plans. Additionally, GAC Support will outline for GAC participants the timeline for the next round of elections for GAC Leadership which will conclude during ICANN69.

GAC Working Group Updates

Due to the compressed timeframe and time zone challenges of the ICANN68 Policy Forum format, there is limited time available for individual working group meetings during the week. Leaders of the various GAC Working Groups were offered the opportunity to indicate their ability to offer brief updates to the GAC about their respective work progress.

As of the drafting of this briefing, the Underserved Regions Working Group (USRWG) and the Universal Acceptance and Internationalized Domain Name Working Group (UA-IDN WG) have indicated their interest in offering brief updates to the GAC during this session (about 10 minutes).

GAC Elections

During this 2020 calendar year, elections for the role of GAC Chair (who serves a two-year term) and GAC Vice chairs, who serve one (1) year terms, will be conducted.

The current GAC Chair has been elected for the term ending March 2021 (after ICANN70). The current Vice-Chairs have been elected for the term from March 2020 (ICANN67) to March 2021 (ICANN70).

Nominations for the GAC Chair and Vice-Chair seats will begin at the end of the ICANN68 Virtual Policy Forum and will conclude 45 days before the scheduled start of the ICANN69 Meeting at which the confirmation of elected individuals is due to take place. Nominations for candidates start during the meeting which precedes the meeting in which the confirmation is due to take place (Operating Principle 33). If more than two (2) candidates for GAC Chair and/or more than five (5) candidates for the positions of Vice-Chairs are received, then an election will be held.

The results of each election, shall formally be announced at the end of any meeting in which an election has taken place, and shall take effect at the end of the next GAC Meeting (Operating Principle 31).

During this wrap-up session, the GAC Support team will provide a complete overview of the nomination and election process to the GAC Membership.

Possible Topic Follow-Up Time

Based on the GAC's experience during the ICANN67 Virtual Community Forum, time during this session has been set-aside to enable follow-up discussions regarding any timely topics or issues that arise during the meeting discussions. The additional flexible time can also be used by GAC members to discuss specific follow-up activities that may be triggered during the meeting week.

Further Information

GAC Working Group Web Pages

- GAC Working Group on Human Rights and International Law - <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-working-groups-on-human-rights-and-international-law-hril-wg>
- GAC Focal Group on Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs - <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-focal-group-on-subsequent-rounds-of-new-gtlds>
- GAC Operating Principles Evolution Working Group - <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-operating-principles-evolution-working-group-gope-wg>
- GAC Working Group on Under-Served Regions - <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-working-groups-on-under-served-regions-usr-wg>

- GAC Working Group to Examine the Protection of Geographic Names in Any Future Expansion of gTLDs - <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-working-group-to-examine-the-protection-of-geographic-names-in-any-future-expansion-of-gtlds>
- GAC Working Group to Examine the GAC’s Participation in NomCom - <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-working-group-to-examine-the-gac-s-participation-in-nomcom>
- GAC Public Safety Working Group - <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-public-safety-working-group-pswg>
- GAC Universal Acceptance and Internationalized Domain Names Working Group - <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-universal-acceptance-and-internationalized-domain-names-working-group-ua-idn-wg>

Key Reference Documents

- GAC Elections - See [Operating Principles](#) No. 30 to 36.

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