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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 public meeting week. During this session, the GAC Chair typically offers information and updates to the GAC about developments since the last public 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.

During this opening session, the GAC Chair plans to report on the committee efforts made regarding action items and next steps identified during the ICANN69 Virtual Annual General Meeting. 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 ICANN70 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. GAC

participants will be asked to indicate the country, territory or organization affiliation in conjunction with their virtual Zoom room name designations.

## Recent Developments

The GAC Chair will likely report on pre-meeting interactions with the GNSO Council Leadership, recent discussions among ICANN Community leaders for other ICANN Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees and recent discussions among the Board-GAC Interaction Group (BGIG). The Chair may also share lessons-learned regarding pre-meeting preparatory webinars conducted by ICANN org staff on various topics.

Since ICANN69, the GAC has been an active contributor to a number of ICANN community public forums and cross community efforts including comments regarding [GAC Input Regarding the ICANN Public Meeting Strategy](#) and the ICANN [Community Consultation on ICANN Public Meetings](#). The GAC also produced comments regarding the [Updated Operational Design Phase Proposal by ICANN org](#) and submitted comments on the ICANN org [Draft FY22-26 Operating and Financial Plan and Draft FY22 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 ICANN69, the GAC also sent and received written correspondence regarding various matters of importance to GAC members including the Final Report of Phase 2 of the GNSO EPDP on gTLD Registration Data, the GNSO EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, Phase 2, Priority 2, ICANN Board action on IGO protections at the second level of the DNS, and the GNSO gTLDs Subsequent Procedures PDP WG Final Report. Documents related to those matters and others since ICANN69 are posted and tracked on a special web page of the GAC web site which can be located here - <https://gac.icann.org/advice/correspondence/>.

During the ICANN69 Virtual Policy Forum, 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 ICANN69 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

- ICANN Strategic Plan (2021 - 2025) - <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/strategic-plan-2021-2025-24jun19-en.pdf>
- Information about ICANN org proposal for a new Operational Design Phase - <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/odp-form-concept-paper-18dec20-en.pdf>
- ICANN org Community Consultation on ICANN Public Meetings - <https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/field-attached/community-consultation-icann-public-meetings-strategic-changes-11dec20-en.pdf>

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