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GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board

Session #5 - Pre-Meeting Session - Preparation for Meeting with ICANN Board (Monday 22 March); Session # 12 - Meeting with ICANN Board (Tuesday 23 March)

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Purpose and Background

One of the key operational features of an ICANN Public Meeting is that it creates the opportunity for the GAC to meet and interact with other ICANN groups, organizations and structures - enabling the committee to coordinate and resolve specific policy work and operational matters and to build channels of communication with other groups to facilitate future exchanges.

Within the ICANN multistakeholder community, the GAC has a fundamental relationship with the ICANN Board of Directors that is detailed in the ICANN Bylaws (see ICANN Bylaws Section 12.2(a)) and the Board-GAC meeting is a regular feature of every ICANN Public Meeting.

The GAC typically sets aside two plenary sessions at every ICANN public meeting that are devoted to both preparing for and then conducting the meeting with the full ICANN Board. From time-to-time, the GAC also hosts a meeting of the Board-GAC Interaction Group which is covered by a separate briefing document - for this meeting cycle, that meeting will not take place as part of this ICANN70 Virtual Community Forum, but a couple weeks before the core meeting week.

Relevant Developments and Previous Meeting Experiences

To provide enough preparation time for the GAC meeting with the ICANN Board, a GAC work session has been scheduled for Monday 22 March (Session #3) to allow GAC Members to finalize their preparations for the Board-GAC Meeting on 23 March 2021.

Recent GAC-Board Meetings have covered a range of subjects and topics and mostly center around formal questions the GAC submits to the Board about two to three weeks before the start of the ICANN Public Meeting. For some meetings, the Board presents a standard question to community

groups for them to respond to the Board. For ICANN70, no questions or topics have been proposed by the Board.

GAC members were asked during the GAC ICANN70 Agenda Setting Call on 10 February and then via email on 19 February and 1 March to suggest potential topics or questions to present to the Board at ICANN70. As of this briefing preparation date, the ICANN Board was informed of the following GAC topics. A number of topic statements and questions (13) on these topics were submitted to the Board on 5 March. The list of GAC topics submitted include:

- New gTLD Subsequent Procedures
- Registration Data/WHOIS
- DNS Abuse Mitigation
- Implementation of Work Stream 2 Accountability Recommendations; and
- GAC Onboarding and Engagement

Session Agendas

Session # 3- Monday 22 March - Preparation for Meeting with ICANN Board

The Monday 22 March meeting preparation session will enable GAC Members to review and confirm the proposed topics and questions that have previously been shared with the ICANN Board and to identify any new issues that may have arisen shortly before the public meeting that merit identification or discussion with the Board.

Session # 11 - Tuesday 23 March - Meeting with ICANN Board

A preliminary meeting agenda for the meeting (as of 5 March) is:

A. Introductions
B. Discussion of Specific GAC Priority Areas (including specific GAC topics/questions – shared in advance of meeting)
C. Closing

GAC Positions

As of 5 March 2021, based on input from GAC members, the GAC Leadership had developed the following topics to present to the Board:

- New gTLD Subsequent Procedures
- Registration Data/WHOIS
- DNS Abuse Mitigation
- Implementation of Work Stream 2 Accountability Recommendations; and
- GAC Onboarding and Engagement

Further Information

- Article 12 of the ICANN Bylaws -
  https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en/#article12
- ICANN Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025 -
  https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/strategic-plan-2021-2025-24jun19-en.pdf;
- Specific WS-2 Accountability Recommendations For SO-ACs from CCWG – Accountability WS 2 Final Report -
  https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-operating-principles-evolution-working-group-gope-wg#wg-doc-head

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