
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 ICANN70 Virtual Community Forum. 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 ICANN71 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.

As an alternative to the opening plenary introductions, for the second time, the GAC will offer a social networking session during the meeting week of ICANN71 to give GAC participants an opportunity to meet virtually in a Zoom room and personally introduce themselves. When this type of session was attempted during ICANN70, it received positive feedback from participants.

Recent Developments

The GAC Chair will likely report on recent discussions among ICANN Community leaders from other ICANN Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees and recent discussions among the Board-GAC Interaction Group (BGIG).

Since ICANN70, the GAC has been an active contributor to a number of ICANN community public forums and cross community efforts including [comments](#) regarding the Final Report of the Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency (SSR2) Review Team. GAC public comments 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 ICANN70, the GAC also sent and received written correspondence regarding various matters of importance to GAC members including the GNSO Policy Development Process on the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs Phase 1, a GAC Response to the ICANN Board Regarding EPDP Phase 2 Policy Recommendations 19-22, and New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Outputs. Correspondence documents related to those matters and others since ICANN70 are posted and tracked on a special web page of the GAC web site which can be accessed here - <https://gac.icann.org/advice/correspondence/>.

During the ICANN70 Virtual Community 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>.

Agenda

The GAC Chair will welcome GAC participants to the meeting and offer a review of GAC activities since the ICANN70 meeting. She will highlight a number of substantive and operational matters that the committee is currently addressing and identify a number of new work efforts that will attract committee attention in the coming months. During the session, GAC working group leaders will also offer updates on their work progress on various matters.

Key Reference Documents

- GAC ICANN70 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>
- GAC Guidelines for Participating in the Empowered Community - <https://gac.icann.org/contentMigrated/guidelines-for-gac-participation-in-the-empowered-community>

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