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Session Objectives

Based on the GAC's productive experiences during the previous four virtual meetings, a final GAC "wrap-up" session has been scheduled at ICANN71 to enable the GAC to conduct follow-up discussions regarding any timely topics or issues that arise during the ICANN71 meeting week. This additional flexible time can be used by GAC Members to discuss specific follow-up or next-step activities that may be triggered during the meeting week.

GAC Operational Matters

GAC Workstream 2 - Accountability - Progress on Implementation of Recommendations

As of 1 June 2021, the GAC has addressed implementation of 16 of the nearly 50 Work Stream 2 accountability recommendations directed toward the various ICANN supporting organizations and advisory committees. GAC Support staff continues to track committee progress on assessing and implementing the recommendations on the GAC tracking tool - see https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NOTa6ULaUihKlVAKzpBaRBknScBDMZcuy95D10TcDF0/edit?pli=1#gid=1764714964.

Review of GAC Information Tools

GAC Action/Decision Radar Update

As part of its efforts to better inform GAC Members and Observers about existing and upcoming priorities and work efforts, the GAC Leadership and GAC Support staff worked together to create an Action/Decision "radar" document that is intended to track existing and anticipated actions requiring GAC decisions on policy and operational matters.

The first GAC Action/Decision Radar document was provided to GAC Members at the beginning of May 2021 and a GAC web page devoted to the radar tool has been established - see https://gac.icann.org/activity/gac-action-decision-radar. The web page will archive all the monthly radar "snapshots".

During this session, GAC participants will have the opportunity to share their feedback on the radar and to suggest improvements to the document.

GAC Website Update

GAC Support staff has continued to work with ICANN org technology staff to ensure that the GAC web site offers committee participants a productive user experience. In reaction to participant feedback about user experiences on the current site, work is under way to modernize the look of the site consistent with developments on the ICANN.org website. Although fundamental changes cannot be made to the site's technical infrastructure, it is hoped that upcoming changes will improve navigation of the site and allow participants to more effectively use this resource. Conversion of the GAC web site to the new user interface is expected to take place by the beginning of July 2021.

2021 GAC Vice Chair Elections - Nomination Period

In 2021, elections for the GAC Vice chairs, who serve one (1) year terms, will be conducted. The current Vice-Chairs have been elected for the term from March 2021 (end of ICANN70) to March 2022 (end of ICANN73).

GAC Vice-Chairs nomination will begin shortly after the ICANN71 Marrakech Meeting and will conclude 45 days before the start of the ICANN72 Meeting at which the confirmation of appointment is due to take place. Nominations for candidates start at the end of the GAC meeting which precedes the meeting in which the confirmation is due to take place (Operating Principle 33). If more than five candidates for the positions of Vice-Chairs are identified during the nomination period, 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 session, the GAC Support staff will provide an overview of the nomination and election process to the GAC Membership.

Possible Topic Follow-Up Time

Based on the GAC's experience during the four previous virtual Public Meetings, time during this session has also been set-aside to enable GAC follow-up discussions regarding any timely topics or issues that arise during the week of meeting week. 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 Operating Principles -
https://gac.icann.org/operating-principles/operating-principles-june-2017

GAC Working Groups -
Active GAC working groups continue to make progress between ICANN public meetings in their various areas of focus and expertise. As developments warrant, these working groups update their individual working group web pages. GAC Members and Observers are invited to review those pages for additional progress updates. GAC Working Group Web Page links:

- 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 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

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