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Governmental Advisory Committee

GAC Meeting with ICANN Board (and Prep Session)

Session # 2 - Preparation for Meeting with ICANN Board
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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 address current issues of interest and facilitate future informational 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 (BGIG) which is covered by a separate briefing document. For this meeting cycle, that meeting will not take place as part of this ICANN71 Virtual Policy Forum, but will occur 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 14 June (Session #2) to allow GAC Members to finalize their preparations for the Board-GAC Meeting on 15 June 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 ICANN71, no particular questions or topics have been proposed by the Board.

GAC members were asked via emails on 26 April, 2 May, 14 May and during the GAC ICANN71 Agenda Setting Call on 4 May to suggest potential topics or questions to present to the Board at ICANN71. Set forth below please find the collected list of proposed topics and questions that the GAC subsequently shared with the Board Support team on 26 May.

Topic 1: _WHOIS/GDPR Matters_

The Timeline for SSAD Implementation
Question or Potential Discussion - GAC Members could ask specifically about the status of the SSAD ODP in light of the 25 March Board decision on this matter.

Measures to Address Issues Identified in the EPDP Phase Two Final Report by the GAC in the ICANN70 Communique
It has been noted that it might be useful to wait for the GAC's consideration of the Board Scorecard on the ICANN71 advice which may lead GAC Members to ask more pertinent and focused questions.

Distinction between Legal vs. Natural Persons in gTLD Registration Data (EPDP Phase 2A) and Accuracy of gTLD Registration Data (Expected GNSO Scoping Team)
Question or Potential Discussion – The GAC may follow-up with the Board on these matters once the outcome of ongoing deliberations in EPDP Phase 2A (regarding Legal vs. Natural) and in the GNSO Council (regarding a scoping of Accuracy issues) are clearer.

Topic: 2: _CCT Review Recommendations_
Question or Potential Discussion - Update from the Board on the development of a "tracker document" to report/assess follow-up on relevant CCT Review recommendations (as referenced in the GAC Communique from ICANN70)

Topic 3: _DNS Abuse_
Question or Potential Discussion - During ICANN71, the GAC is expected to seek clarity from the ICANN Board on the next steps it expects are needed to address the issue(s) in this area.

Topic 4: _SSR2 Recommendations_
Question or Potential Discussion - An update from the Board on how the SSR2 recommendations are being considered or might be addressed going forward

Topic 5: _ICANN Return to In-Person Meetings_
Question or Potential Discussion – Discuss ideas and efforts to ensure diverse and active participation at ICANN Public Meetings as the organization returns to physical meetings.

It has been noted that discussions during the upcoming BGIG meeting on 1 June 2021 could influence the consideration of these various topics at ICANN71. As is the usual practice, GAC

Support Staff will update the Board to the extent further GAC discussions refine or streamline the identified topics in any substantive ways.

Session Agendas

Session # 2 - Monday 14 June - Preparation for Meeting with ICANN Board

The Monday 14 June 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 # 10 - Tuesday 15 June - Meeting with ICANN Board

A preliminary meeting agenda for the meeting (as of 15 May) is:

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

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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