

GAC Opening Plenary Session

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Session Objective

The GAC Opening Plenary Session is the first opportunity for GAC participants to gather, introduce themselves and prepare for the ICANN Public Meeting week. During this session the GAC Chair typically (1) provides a “state of the committee” review, (2) summarizes the GAC meeting agenda for the week and (3) identifies topic highlights and priority matters that merit GAC Member focus and attention.

Agenda

State of the Committee

During this opening session, the GAC Chair plans to report on the committee efforts made regarding action items and next steps identified during the ICANN71 Virtual Policy Forum. The Chair will also highlight a number of substantive and operational matters that the committee is currently addressing and identify a number of work efforts that will attract committee attention in the coming months. During the session, GAC working group leaders may also offer updates on their work progress on various matters. GAC participants will be invited to share comments on their meeting goals and expectations.

Bilateral Meeting Preparations

This scheduled 90-minute session will also feature GAC preparations for three important bilateral meetings scheduled for the meeting week. During ICANN72, the GAC is scheduled to conduct bilateral meetings with the ICANN Board (Session #10 on Wednesday 27 October), the ICANN At Large community (Session #5 on Tuesday 26 October), and ICANN’s Generic Names Supporting Organization (Session #4 on Monday 25 October).

The format of these bilateral meetings has evolved in recent years to feature exchanges of views on targeted topics between the various parties. The preparation time during this session will enable GAC members to finalize the approach that is planned for each of those bilateral meetings. Briefing

materials for each of those individual meetings have been prepared as part of the GAC ICANN72 briefing package and can be found in the Session #4, #5 and #10 briefing documents.

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 ICANN71, the GAC has sent and received written correspondence regarding various matters of importance to GAC members including the GAC ICANN71 Communique (ICANN Board and GNSO), New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Outputs (Board), SSAD Operational Design Phase Survey (ICANN org), and the GAC Advice Action Request Register (Board).

Correspondence documents related to those matters and others since ICANN71 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 ICANN71 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 ICANN71 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/>

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