

## GAC Operating Principles Evolution Working Group (GOPE WG)

### Session # 6

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#### Session Objective

The GAC Operating Principles Evolution Working Group (GOPE WG) to brief GAC members on resumed activities of the Working Group and on prioritization efforts for next steps on addressing the GAC’s Operating Principles. GAC members to discuss the updated Operating Principles Priorities Document.

#### Leadership Proposal for GAC Action

Review prioritization effort results and provide input on areas identified by GOPE WG.

#### Recent Developments

The GOPE WG resumed its activities prior to ICANN72 and endeavored in a prioritization effort aimed at reviewing each GAC Operating Principle, in preparation for the upcoming focused review of GAC Operating Principles. In preparation for ICANN72, the Working Group updated an Analysis of GAC Operating Principles document, which aims to identify which GAC Operating Principles require:

- minor changes;
- no changes; or
- substantive changes and discussion by the GOPE WG.

The Updated Analysis of GAC Operating Principles was reviewed by GOPE WG members and subsequently circulated with GAC membership for discussion at ICANN72 for GAC wide input.

## Background

At the ICANN63 meeting in Barcelona, Spain, the GAC created a new working group to study, develop and make recommendations to the GAC membership for changes to the current [GAC Operating Principles](#). It is intended that the efforts of this new GAC Operating Principles Evolution (GOPE) Working Group will help the GAC improve the organization, scope, clarity and specificity of the committee's processes and procedures - particularly in the new era of the ICANN Empowered Community.

Based on the working group terms of reference, the results of the GOPE effort may range from recommending:

- Modifications to or reorganization of the overall structure of the current GAC Operating Principles; or
- Changes to existing operating principles to provide more clarity and specificity; or
- The addition of new operating principles that provide more guidance and specificity to the operations of the committee; or even
- Proposals to remove principles that are no longer relevant to the committee's work.

Based on consultation with GAC leadership and GAC members, the GOPE WG focused its work on the development of GAC Working Group Guidelines.

## Key Reference Documents

- [Updated Analysis of GAC Operating Principles Document](#) (12 October 2021)
- [GOPE WG Draft Work Plan for 2021-2022](#) (1 October 2021)
- [GOPE WG Terms of Reference](#) as affirmed by the GAC (14 March 2019)

## Further Information

- [GOPE WG Web Page](#)

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