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Governmental Advisory Committee

ICANN 73
VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FORUM

GAC Meeting with ICANN Board (and Prep Session)

Session # 3 - GAC Preparation For Meeting with the Board
Session # 13 - GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

Session Objectives

An ICANN Public Meeting 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. The GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board of Directors is one of those important opportunities.

Relevant Developments

Recent GAC-Board Meetings have covered a range of subjects and topics and have mostly centered 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 number of standard questions or session topics to community groups for them to respond to the Board.

For ICANN73, the ICANN Board Chair has presented the following questions for GAC preparations and discussion:

1. *"What are [the GAC's] key priorities for ICANN work in 2022, how do these priorities help achieve ICANN's common objectives as expressed in the FY 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, and how do you see Community, Board and org moving forward together on a way to achieve these?"; and*
2. *"If any, what suggestions would [the GAC] have to enhance ICANN's effectiveness and efficiency with regards to the process of implementation after adoption of a PDP or Review recommendations?"*

GAC Members were asked during the GAC ICANN73 Agenda Setting Call on 24 January and via email on 30 January to suggest responses to the Board questions and to recommend any additional potential topics or questions to present to the Board at ICANN73. GAC Support staff collected suggestions and submissions shared on the GAC mailing list.

A full draft set of draft responses to the Board Chair questions and also GAC questions proposed for the Board were subsequently shared with the GAC via email on 14 February and shared with the Board Operations team on 18 February after further review and curation by the GAC Leadership team.

Session Agendas

Session #3 - Monday, 7 March - Preparation for Meeting with ICANN Board

This public session on Monday 7 March will enable GAC Members to review, discuss and confirm the proposed topics and questions that have previously been shared with the ICANN Board.

Session # 13 - Wednesday, 9 March - GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

A preliminary meeting agenda for the meeting (as of 17 February) is:

A. Introductions
B. Discussion of Board Chair Questions
C. Discussion of GAC Topic/Questions (shared in advance of meeting)
D. AOB
E. Closing

Further Information

- 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 took place on 8 February. The GAC Chair will likely report to the GAC during ICANN73 on what is discussed at that meeting. Meeting materials from that meeting can be found here - https://gac.icann.org/sessions/board-gac-interaction-group-bgig-call-8-february-2022 (GAC Member log-in required)

- 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 - https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en/#article12

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