# GAC Discussion on Work Stream 2 Matters

## Session 7

## Session Objective

The GAC Human Rights and International Law Working Group (HRILWG) will brief the GAC on activities pertaining to the Work Stream 2 (WS2) Recommendations Implementation and particularly regarding Recommendation 1.1 on the definition of diversity.

## Leadership Proposal for GAC Action

1. Review the WS2 recommendation 1.1 for implementation identified by the GAC

2. Agree on the GAC perspective proposal document regarding the Recommendation 1.1

3. Discuss the GAC proposal document with the WS2 Community Coordination Group (post ICANN73)

## Recent Developments for GAC Members' consideration

The HRILWG collaborated with the Under-Served Regions Working Group and UNESCO to work on the implementation of the Work Stream 2 recommendations pertaining to diversity while prioritizing the implementation of recommendation 1.1 on providing a definition of diversity from a GAC perspective.

At ICANN72, the HRILWG provided a draft definition of diversity for GAC input and consideration under the WS2 recommendation implementation framework.

In the lead up to ICANN73, the co-chairs will finalize the GAC perspective proposal document for further review and future discussion with the recently created WS2 Community Coordination Group.

- **Work Stream 2 Community Coordination Group**

The Standing Organizations and Advisory Committees (SO/AC) Chairs agreed to form a coordination group in December 2021, to serve as a forum for ICANN community structures to exchange information on best practices and lessons learned, as well as for sharing information on progress related to the community's implementation of WS2 recommendations.

The Coordination Group will also be where the WS2 recommendations or topics that can benefit from a uniform, community-wide approach will be identified and addressed, but is not a decision-making body.

In addressing community-wide implementation, the WS2 Community Coordination Group is expected to discuss:

● The relevant priority of these recommendations in the context of other WS2 recommendations implementation and overall community workload.

● The scope of and opportune timing for additional community consultations (as needed).

● How to reach broad community agreement on these recommendations.

● What each individual community group will need to carry out in regard to any agreed implementation.

Recently, each Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, GNSO Stakeholder Groups, Regional At-Large Organizations (SO, AC, GNSO SG, RALO) appointed one (1) representative and one (1) alternate. Additionally, they could appoint observers to the group.

The Community Coordination Group will hold its initial call in March 2022 after the ICANN73 Meeting with the objective of discussing the scope of work, a potential timeline and a cadence for its calls.

More recently, ICANN org had suggested that each SO/AC/RALO/SG complete its appointment of its primary and secondary representatives by 11 February 2022, with the aim of having the WS2 Community Coordination Group hold an initial call before ICANN73. The initial call will allow the group to familiarize itself with its scope of work, discuss a potential timeline and a cadence for its calls. Subsequent calls would then involve discussion as to the order in which the community would approach implementing the relevant recommendations. These recommendations are Recommendation 1.1 (on proposed elements of diversity), Recommendation 1.7 (on a process for handling complaints about diversity), and Recommendation 2.3 (on a standalone framework for exercising Empowered Community powers) as they further require cross-community coordination.

## Further Information

ICANN update on WS2 Implementation Progress (22 December 2021)

GAC HRILWG website page

GAC WorkStream 2 activities web page

GAC WS2 Recommendations Implementation Tracking Tool

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