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## GAC Opening Plenary Session

### Session # 1 - Opening Plenary

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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.

#### Session Agenda

During this ICANN74 opening session, the GAC Chair plans to report on the committee efforts made regarding action items and next steps identified during the ICANN73 Virtual Community 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 and policy topic leads 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.

In this hybrid meeting format the committee will also return to the traditional “tour de table” ceremony during which all GAC delegates will be invited to introduce themselves. First, in-person delegates will identify themselves, followed by remote participants who raise their hands to indicate their desire to speak.

Time permitting, GAC members will review the Communique drafting process for ICANN74. The process has slowly evolved in the past two years and attendees will be familiarized with how some of those recent innovations will be encompassed in the hybrid meeting format.

## Recent Developments

### ***GAC Chair Reporting***

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 ICANN73, the GAC has sent and received written correspondence regarding various matters of importance to GAC members including the GAC ICANN73 Communique (ICANN Board), ICANN Specific reviews (ICANN org), recommendations regarding Phase 2A of the GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data (Board), response to GNSO request for community input on DNS Abuse policy making (GNSO), a request for the release of the AU acronym from the ICANN IGO Reserved Names List (Board), and dialogue regarding a potential Board-facilitated process for GAC/GNSO discussions on the topic of closed generics (Board).

Incoming and outgoing correspondence documents related to those matters and others since ICANN73 are posted and tracked on a special web page of the GAC website which can be accessed here - <https://gac.icann.org/advice/correspondence/>.

During the ICANN73 Virtual Community 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=721141591>.

### ***GAC Working Group and Topic Reporting***

GOPE WG - Working group members will report on progress regarding the long term WG work plan - particularly the conclusion of work on working group guidelines that may be ripe for committee acceptance at ICANN74.

HRIL WG - Working group members will report on cross community information sharing regarding Work Stream 2 - Accountability recommendations collectively impacting various ICANN communities - including the GAC.

IGO Protections - Attendees will learn about recent developments regarding the Final Report of the GNSO EPDP on Specific Curative Rights Protections for IGOs, as appropriate, and development of proposed GAC mechanisms to update the GAC IGO list for protection in gTLDs.

## **GAC Operational Reporting**

2022 GAC Leadership Elections - Time permitting, GAC Support staff may alert GAC Members about key dates and deadlines for the upcoming 2022 GAC Leadership election Nomination Period.

### **Key Reference Documents**

- GAC ICANN73 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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