
GAC Wrap Up Session

Session #12 - GAC Meeting Wrap-Up

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Session Objectives

Based on the GAC’s productive experiences during the last two years of virtual meetings, a final GAC “wrap-up” session has been scheduled at ICANN74 to enable the GAC to conduct follow-up discussions regarding any timely topics or issues that arise during the meeting week. This additional flexible time can be used by GAC Members to discuss specific follow-up or next-step activities that require committee action.

2022 GAC Leadership Election - Nomination Period

In 2022, committee leadership elections for the GAC Chair (who serves a two-year term) and GAC Vice chairs (who serve one-year terms) will be conducted.¹ During this session, the GAC Support staff will provide an overview of this year’s nomination and election process to the GAC Membership.

Nominations for committee leadership candidates start at the end of the GAC meeting which precedes the meeting in which the confirmation is due to take place (see GAC Operating Principle 33). Thus, candidate nominations for the roles of GAC Chair and GAC Vice Chairs will begin shortly after the ICANN74 (The Hague) meeting and will conclude on 3 August 2022 - 45 days before the start of the ICANN75 (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) meeting during which the confirmation of any necessary balloting is due to take place. If more than one candidate for GAC Chair and/or five

¹ The terms of the current GAC Chair and vice chairs extend to the end of the ICANN76 meeting (March 2023).

candidates for the positions of Vice-Chairs are identified during the nomination period, then a balloting process will be held.

The results of each election, shall formally be announced during the ICANN75 GAC public meeting, and shall take effect at the end of the next GAC Meeting (ICANN76) (see GAC Operating Principle 31).

Review of GAC Information Tools

GAC Action/Decision Radar Update

As part of its efforts to better inform GAC Members and Observers about existing and upcoming priorities and work efforts, the GAC Leadership and GAC Support staff worked together to create an Action/Decision “radar” document that is intended to track existing and anticipated actions requiring GAC decisions on policy and operational matters.

For the past year, the GAC Action/Decision Radar tool has been available to all GAC participants in both “raw” and “snapshot” (see <https://gac.icann.org/activity/gac-action-decision-radar>) formats.

During this session, GAC participants will have the opportunity to share their feedback on the radar and to suggest further improvements to the document.

GAC Web Update

As of the beginning of June 2022, access to private GAC content on the GAC web site has been limited to participants who hold formal ICANN Account credentials. Prior to that time, GAC members had individual credentials to access private content on the GAC web site. ICANN participants with ICANN Accounts now have a special “tile” in their ICANN Accounts labeled “GAC-Confidential” that enables them to access materials that are only available to officially identified government representatives to the GAC.

This transition to ICANN Account was in development as far back as early February 2022 and many GAC participants successfully established their formal ICANN Account credentials. If you have still not updated your GAC web site credentials to ICANN Account, please contact GAC Support staff at gac-staff@icann.org for guidance and assistance.

Possible Topic Follow-Up Time

Based on the GAC’s experience during the previous virtual Public Meetings, time during this session has also been set-aside to enable GAC follow-up discussions regarding any timely topics or issues that may arise during the meeting week. This additional flexible time can also be used by GAC members to discuss specific follow-up activities that may be triggered during the meeting week

Meeting Feedback Time

Implementation of the “hybrid” meeting format for ICANN74 - including a proactive health and safety regimen will be a unique experience for both in-person and virtual attendees. Time permitting, meeting participants will have the opportunity to express their thoughts and feedback about the meeting experience and share ideas about lessons-learned and improvements for meeting planning and implementation at ICANN75.

Further Information

GAC Operating Principles -

<https://gac.icann.org/operating-principles/operating-principles-june-2017>

GAC Working Groups -

Active GAC working groups continue to make progress between ICANN public meetings in their various areas of focus and expertise. As developments warrant, these working groups update their individual working group web pages. GAC Members and Observers are invited to review those pages for additional progress updates. GAC Working Group Web Page links:

- GAC Working Group on Human Rights and International Law - <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-working-groups-on-human-rights-and-international-law-hril-wg>
- GAC Operating Principles Evolution Working Group - <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-operating-principles-evolution-working-group-gope-wg>
- GAC Working Group on Under-Served Regions - <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-working-groups-on-under-served-regions-usr-wg>
- GAC Public Safety Working Group - <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-public-safety-working-group-pswg>
- GAC Universal Acceptance and Internationalized Domain Names Working Group - <https://gac.icann.org/working-group/gac-universal-acceptance-and-internationalized-domain-names-working-group-ua-idn-wg>

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