GAC Meeting with the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

Session 9

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Session Objectives

The GAC and the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) regularly meet during ICANN Public Meetings to discuss public policy matters of both interest to government stakeholders and Internet end-users.

At ICANN74, the session will focus on topics which are on both committees' agendas for the meeting: Universal Acceptance and IDNs, ALAC and GAC Cooperation at the National Level, and Geopolitical Issues and advancing the Multi-Stakeholder Model.

Background

The At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) is the primary ICANN-designated organizational home for the voice and concerns of individual Internet end users. Representing the At-Large Community, the 15-member ALAC consists of two members selected by each of the five Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs) and five members appointed by ICANN's Nominating Committee. Advocating for the interests of end-users, the ALAC advises on the activities of ICANN, including Internet policies developed by ICANN's Supporting Organizations.

The GAC and ALAC have been meeting at ICANN Public Meetings in order to coordinate and discuss ICANN policy issues of common interest. In the past they have worked to develop joint statements on certain policy and operational topics.

Agenda

As of 31 May, the ALAC and GAC are expected to discuss a number of issues of current common interest including:
1. Universal Acceptance and IDNs,
2. GAC-ALAC/At-Large Cooperation at National Level: further good practices from each committees to discuss,
3. Geopolitical Issues and advancing the MS model: role of governments and civil society volunteers.

Key Reference Documents

- ICANN73 GAC Communiqué
- GAC and ALAC activity page

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