
GAC Meeting with ICANN Board (and Prep Session)

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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.

Recent 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 ICANN74, the ICANN Board Chair has not presented any questions for the committee.

GAC Members were asked during the GAC ICANN74 Agenda Setting Call on 21 April and via email on 3 May to recommend any potential topics or questions to present to the Board at ICANN74. GAC Support staff collected suggestions and submissions shared on the GAC mailing list and submitted to a committee Google collaboration document.

Ultimately, the GAC Leadership determined on 2 June to focus on three primary topic areas to explore with the Board during the planned joint session on 15 June 2022, including:

- GPI and Inclusiveness;
- WHOIs and Data Registration Matters (including System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) “Light”, Privacy and Proxy Accreditation Issues (PPSAI), and Data Accuracy); and
- Informing the GAC About the Next Round of New gTLDs

Session Agendas

Session #5 - Tuesday, 14 June - Preparation for Meeting with ICANN Board

This recently expanded public session on Tuesday, 14 June will enable GAC Members to review, discuss and confirm the proposed topics and any questions that the GAC plans to explore with Board members during ICANN74.

Session # 10 - Wednesday, 15 June - GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

A preliminary meeting agenda for the meeting (as of 2 June) is:

- A. Introductions
- B. Discussion of GAC Topic/Questions (shared in advance of meeting)
- C. AOB
- D. 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 24 May. The GAC Chair will likely report to the GAC during ICANN74 on what was discussed during that recent 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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