
GAC Wrap Up Session

Session #11 - 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 ICANN75 to enable GAC delegates to conduct follow-up discussions regarding any timely topics or issues that arise during the meeting week. As the next GAC open public meeting will not take place until March 2023 in association with ICANN76, this additional flexible session time can be used by GAC Members to discuss specific follow-up or next-step activities that will require intersessional committee action.

Capacity Building Planning

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, GAC member activities were limited to virtual meeting experiences for over two years. In a number of situations, attendance at committee events actually increased, but GAC representatives noted that attendance was not a substitute for knowledgeable participation in committee work efforts.

With the return to in-person and hybrid meeting frameworks, particularly at ICANN74 and now ICANN75, GAC representatives have expressed the desire for a more robust program of information sharing and capacity building on a number of topics and issues. While those efforts are most notable evidenced by the GAC’s ICANN75 capacity building weekend and a number of pre-meeting webinars and briefings, in the coming months the committee leadership will identify and plan for additional programming opportunities. This session will give GAC participants an opportunity to share some of their views and ideas about how to implement those intentions.

GAC Operations

GAC support staff will offer an update on progress to update committee working group rosters. Currently the Public Safety Working Group roster is undergoing a review and update through 1 October 2022.

Under the guidance of the GAC Leadership team, the GAC Support staff has been working to develop a reference document on the production of the GAC Communique. Time permitting, the staff will explain its work on the "*Art of the Communique*" document and invite input from GAC Members.

Meeting Feedback Time

Implementation of the "hybrid" meeting format for only the second time at ICANN75 - including a continued proactive health and safety regimen - will be a unique experience for many in-person and virtual attendees. Time permitting, meeting participants will express their thoughts and feedback about the meeting experience and share ideas about lessons-learned and improvements for meeting planning and implementation at ICANN76.

Possible Topic Follow-Up Time - ICANN75 to 76 Planning

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

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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