
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. This session will enable the GAC to share views and ask timely questions of Board Members on topics of importance to the committee.

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 ICANN75, the ICANN Board Chair has proposed a single topical question for GAC consideration that would cover the first half of the joint meeting at ICANN75. That question is:

“What collaborative actions should the Community, Board and Org be undertaking to further progress achieving our strategic priorities?”

The ICANN Board Chair has proposed that half of the meeting time be dedicated to discussing this topic and the other half of the time to discuss any topic(s) of the GAC’s choice or to answer any questions the committee might have.

GAC Members were asked during the GAC ICANN75 Agenda Setting Call on 28 July and via email on 29 July and 25 August to recommend any potential topics or questions to present to the Board at

ICANN75. 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 will determine on 9 September what primary topic areas to explore with the Board during the planned joint session on 20 September 2022. As of 1 September, suggested topics from GAC Members included:

- **GAC Advice** - Methods for Board/GAC dialogue on the handling of GAC Advice in the context of the Next Round of new gTLDs.(US and Brazil)
- **Ukraine Support** - ICANN's support for Ukraine (including Ukraine's request for increasing Starlink supply)(UK)
- **SSAD Light/Proof of Concept Design** - Latest update from the Board (including detail on a timetable for work going forwards)(UK)
- **Registration Data Accuracy** - Taking forward work on the accuracy of registration data (in the context of ICANN's letter to the EDPB and the GAC's ICANN74 Communique which stated that "the GAC believes that pausing the work would be counterproductive")(UK)
- **DNS Abuse Mitigation** - Does ICANN Board have any plan to facilitate and implement DNS Abuse mitigation (from e.g. malware, botnets, piracy)(Japan)
- **Compliance Enforcement** - How can GAC help the Board and the wider Community undertake and proceed the work to improve the reporting, handling and enforcement of contract terms. (Japan)

Session Agendas

Session #2 - Monday, 19 September - Preparation for Meeting with ICANN Board and Working Group Reporting

This public session on Monday, 19 September will enable GAC Members to review, discuss and confirm proposed topics and any questions that the GAC plans to explore with Board members during ICANN75.

Time permitting, this session may also feature an update from GAC Working Group Co-Chairs, including a report from the Underserved Regions Working Group on the weekend capacity building workshop. Other Working Groups have determined to offer the GAC written updates on their recent activities and future plans.

Session #8 - Tuesday, 20 September - GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

A preliminary meeting agenda for the meeting (as of 1 September) is:

- A. Introductions
- B. Discussion of ICANN Board Chair Topic
- C. GAC Topic/Questions (shared in advance of meeting)
- C. AOB
- D. Closing

Further Information

Board-GAC Interactions -

- 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>
- 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 31 August. The GAC Chair will likely report to the GAC during ICANN75 on what was discussed during that recent meeting. Materials from that meeting can be found here - <https://gac.icann.org/sessions/boardgac-interaction-group-bgig-call-31-august-2022> (GAC Member log-in required)

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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