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GAC Opening Plenary Session

Session # 1 - Opening Plenary

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Session Objective

The GAC Opening Plenary Session is the first formal opportunity for GAC participants to gather, introduce themselves and prepare for the ICANN Public Meeting week. During this session the GAC Chair also typically (1) provides a "state of the committee" review, (2) summarizes the GAC meeting agenda for the week and (3) identifies topic highlights and priority matters that merit GAC Member focus and attention.

Session Agenda

During this ICANN76 opening session, the GAC Chair will highlight particular aspects of the meeting week agenda and share logistical information to help in-person and remote attendees participate effectively during the meeting week.

The Chair will also highlight a number of substantive and operational matters that the committee is currently addressing and identify a number of work efforts that will attract committee attention in the coming months.

In this hybrid meeting format the committee will also employ the traditional "tour de table" ceremony during which all GAC delegates will be invited to introduce themselves. First, in-person delegates will identify themselves, followed by remote participants who raise their hands to indicate their desire to speak. Delegates will be invited to share comments on their meeting goals and expectations.

Time permitting, GAC members will review the Communique drafting process for ICANN76. The process has progressively evolved in the past three years and attendees will be familiarized with how some of those recent innovations will be encompassed in the hybrid meeting format.

Recent Developments

GAC Chair Reporting

Time permitting, the GAC Chair will likely report on recent discussions among ICANN Community leaders from other ICANN Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees and recent communications among the Board-GAC Interaction Group (BGIG).

Since ICANN75, the GAC has developed and submitted public comments in six ICANN Community public forums on the subjects of specific curative rights protections for IGOs; draft terms of reference for an ICANN pilot holistic review; proposed amendments to the base generic top-level domain (gTLD) Registry Agreement and the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement; registration data consensus policy for gTLDs; and the draft FY24-28 ICANN Operating and Financial Plan and the Draft FY24 Operating Plan and Budget.

GAC Public Comment filings related to those matters are archived on a special page of the GAC website which can be accessed here - https://gac.icann.org/activity/gac-public-comment-opportunities

Since ICANN75, the GAC has also sent and received written correspondence regarding various matters of importance to GAC members including the GAC ICANN75 Communique (ICANN Board), GNSO registration data accuracy scoping (GNSO), GNSO guidance process (GGP) for support of future new gTLD applicants (GNSO), specific curative rights protections for IGOs (ICANN Board), draft terms of reference for a ICANN pilot holistic review (ICANN Board) and Universal Acceptance Day 2023 (Universal Acceptance Steering Group- UASG).

Incoming and outgoing correspondence documents related to those matters and others since ICANN75 are posted and tracked on a special web page of the GAC website which can be accessed here - https://gac.icann.org/advice/correspondence/.

During the ICANN75 Annual General Meeting, the GAC Support Staff noted a number of follow-up matters and action items agreed to among GAC attendees. Those items are tracked via a Google collaboration document that can be accessed here - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q2jygHjk1MQHoUYj2k1hjPDAw5TAebMRWqG98Go6eEY/edit#gid=721141591.

Key Reference Documents

- GAC ICANN75 Action Points (Google Doc) - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q2jygHjk1MQHoUYj2k1hjPDAw5TAebMRWqG98Go6eEY/edit#gid=1067667374
- GAC Public Comment Opportunities Web Page - https://gac.icann.org/activity/gac-public-comment-opportunities

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