
GAC Working Group Reporting

Session # 5 - Working Group Reporting and IGOs Discussion

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Session Objectives

As the GAC operations continue to emerge from the global COVID-19 pandemic, committee working group briefings to the GAC continue to take several different forms. An ICANN Public Meeting creates the opportunity for the GAC to receive briefings from various GAC Working Groups.

Some working groups plan to provide the GAC with written briefings circulated by email prior to the meeting (e.g., GAC Operating Principles Evolution Working Group). Other working groups have planned webinar teleconferences prior to ICANN76 to discuss their activities and work plans (Public Safety Working Group). During the first part of Session 5 at ICANN76, the committee expects to hear from the chairs of three GAC working groups, the Underserved Regions Working Group (USRWG), the Human Rights and International Law Working Group (HRIL WG) and the UA and IDN Working Group.

Recent Developments and Session Agenda

The USRWG has been an integral part of planning capacity development events at both ICANN75 and now ICANN76. During this session, USRWG co-chairs will provide a report to the committee about the most recent Capacity Development Workshop held earlier in the meeting week and will review with the GAC the annual capacity development work plan for public meeting workshops that has been reviewed by the GAC Leadership team.

The HRIL WG has been at the forefront of community efforts to progress community-wide implementation of accountability and transparency recommendations established during the recent WorkStream 2 - Accountability effort initiated several years ago in the wake of the historic IANA Transition that took place in 2016 (see -

<https://www.icann.org/en/announcements/details/stewardship-of-iana-functions-transitions-to-gl>

[obal-internet-community-as-contract-with-us-government-ends-1-10-2016-en](#)). During this session, HRIL co-chairs will share updates on the latest work done in this area, including an update of the FY24 Additional Budget Request that the working group developed to initiate a pilot effort by ICANN org to offer sign language communications ability during ICANN Public Meetings.

The UA-IDN Working Group is re-energizing under a new chair just appointed after ICANN75 and the update from the WG will feature plans for Universal Acceptance Day and recent activities by the committee to share information about IDN developments.

Further Information

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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