

## 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 ICANN77 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 ICANN77. The process has progressively evolved in the past several years and attendees will be familiarized with how some of those recent innovations will be encompassed for this public meeting.

## 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 ICANN76, the GAC has sent and received written correspondence regarding various matters of importance to GAC members including the GAC ICANN76 Communique (ICANN Board), the ICANN Board CEO search (ICANN Board), ICANN Nominating Committee Rebalancing (ICANN Board), and GAC input on priority topics regarding the next round of new gTLDs (GNSO and ICANN Board).

Incoming and outgoing correspondence documents related to those matters and others since ICANN76 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 ICANN76 Community Forum, 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 ICANN76 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>
- GAC Correspondence Web Page - <https://gac.icann.org/advice/correspondence/>

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