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## GAC Capacity Development Workshop

### Saturday and Sunday Sessions

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#### Workshop Objectives

As the GAC emerged from more than two years of virtual meetings precipitated by the COVID-19 global pandemic, many GAC participants expressed the need for a return to in-person capacity building and information sharing programs that had been successfully deployed in previous pre-pandemic years.

The main objective for re-commencing in-person capacity building activities was to provide GAC delegates opportunities to learn about issues that are important to them and share experiences and best practices on how to address and manage such issues in the committee. There was recognition that more information sharing would lead to more informed policy development participation and advice development.

The GAC Chair/Vice Chair team agreed to an annual cycle of capacity development programs proposed by the GAC Underserved Regions Working group that featured slightly different agenda formats to accommodate the different time windows used for the various ICANN public meeting themes - a rotation of Annual General Meeting, Community Forum and Policy Forum. For this ICANN78 Annual General Meeting two-day program, the workshop has the following primary objectives:

- Increase stakeholder knowledge on the functioning of ICANN in the broader Internet governance space;
- Provide participants with foundational knowledge of the Domain Name System;
- Lower information barriers to participation in the work of ICANN;
- Increase participation of GAC members in the activities of the committee; and
- Enhance community and internal committee collaboration

The workshop is intended to be “non-technical” in nature, providing high-level overviews of the GAC, the Domain Name System (DNS) and various GAC topics of interest to governments in ICANN. The workshop is divided into ten session modules, taking place on Saturday and Sunday of ICANN78. Each module provided opportunities for GAC attendees to ask questions and receive answers directly from the speakers. A post-workshop survey will be conducted to determine the effectiveness and efficacy of the workshop and to plan the agenda topics for future events - both intersessionally and at ICANN79.

## Workshop Agenda

Planners for the two-day workshop have created a general agenda following this general schedule:

	<b>Foundation/Policy Day - Saturday</b> <i>Content Support – ICANN GE Team</i>	<b>Technology Day - Sunday</b> <i>Content Support – ICANN OCTO Team</i>
Block 1) 700-800 UTC	Welcome and Introductions – Internet Governance Overview - ICANN's place in the wider Internet community	Introduction to the Namespace and Case Study
Block 2) 0830 - 1000 UTC	GAC Priority issues – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Round of New gTLDs (background and implementation review and applicant support)</li> <li>• DNS Abuse</li> </ul>	Blockchain - Introduction, Applied Learning and Q&A
Block 3) 1115 - 1230 UTC	Next GAC HLG Planning – Identifying issues of relevance to governments	Alternative Namespaces: Policy Issues for the GAC
Block 4) 1300 - 1400 UTC	GAC Breakout session (Part 1 - Intro and Discussions) — Identifying and discussing regional government priorities	GAC Breakout Session (Part 1 – Intro and Discussions) — How GAC Members address new technologies (leg/reg and other tools; identifying key areas of concern)
Block 5) 1630 - 1730 UTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GAC Breakout session (Part 2 – Continuing discussion and reporting)</li> <li>• Daily Wrap-Up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GAC Breakout session (Part 2 – Continuing discussion and reporting)</li> <li>• Workshop Wrap-Up</li> </ul>

## Key Reference Documents

- GAC Capacity Development Project Evaluation Report - December 2018 - [https://gac.icann.org/reports/public/20190212\\_GAC%20Capacity%20Building%20Project%20Eval%20Report\\_FINAL%20\(May%20202019\).pdf](https://gac.icann.org/reports/public/20190212_GAC%20Capacity%20Building%20Project%20Eval%20Report_FINAL%20(May%20202019).pdf)

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