GAC Opening Plenary Session

Session # 1 - Opening Plenary

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 ICANN78 opening session, the GAC Chair will welcome in-person and remote attendees, highlight particular aspects of the meeting week agenda and share logistical information to help all attendees participate effectively during the meeting week. It is traditional for a representative of the government of the country hosting the ICANN public meeting to offer brief welcoming remarks during the opening plenary session.

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 engage in 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 remotely 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 ICANN78. 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 ICANN77, the GAC has provided written public comment to the ICANN community regarding various matters of importance to GAC members including internationalized domain names, closed generic top level domains, applicant support recommendations for new generic top level domains, and ccTLD related review mechanisms. Copies of those filed comments are archived on the GAC Public Comments activity page at this link - https://gac.icann.org/activity/gac-public-comment-opportunities.

Since ICANN77, the GAC has also sent and received written correspondence regarding various matters of importance to GAC members including the GAC ICANN77 Communique (ICANN Board), rebalancing of the ICANN Nominating Committee (ICANN Board), amendments to the base gTLD RA and RAA to modify DNS abuse contract obligations, the timeline to respond to urgent requests for disclosure of domain name registration data, and the ccNSO proposed policy with respect to a review mechanism for some decisions pertaining to ccTLDs. Incoming and outgoing correspondence documents related to those matters and others since ICANN77 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 ICANN77 Policy 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 ICANN77 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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