

GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

Session 6 - GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

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Session Objectives

An ICANN Public Meeting creates the opportunity for the GAC to meet and interact with other ICANN groups, organizations and structures - enabling the committee to coordinate and resolve specific policy work and operational matters and to build channels of communication with other groups to address current issues of government interest and facilitate future informational exchanges. The GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board of Directors is one of those important opportunities. The Tuesday, 24 October GAC meeting with the ICANN Board at ICANN78 will enable the GAC to share views and ask timely questions of Board Members on topics of importance to the committee.

Recent Developments

Recent GAC-Board Meetings have covered a range of subjects and topics that have mostly centered around formal questions the GAC submits to the Board about two to three weeks before the start of the ICANN Public Meeting. For some meetings, the Board presents a number of standard questions or session topics to community groups for them to respond to the Board.

For ICANN78, the Board has proposed several optional questions from which the GAC is encouraged to choose. Those questions include:

1. *What are the GAC priority topics/issues for the coming calendar year?*
2. *What significant Internet developments are GAC Member governments paying attention to this year and next year?*
3. *Has the GAC considered further follow-up on the Topic 30 - GAC Early Warnings language discussed with the Board during the recent Communiqué Clarifying call?*
4. *What are the other current key areas of GAC focus regarding the next round of new gTLDs?*

5. *Do GAC members have any suggestions for improving the tracking and reporting tools for GAC advice and Issues of Importance?*

Preliminary feedback from GAC participants on the committee email list reveal inclinations to focus on Questions 2 and 3 proposed by the Board.

With respect to the topics and questions from the GAC to the ICANN Board, during the ICANN78 Agenda Setting Call on 14 September 2023, GAC members agreed that the committee should limit the list of topics to discuss with the Board to allow more time for focused dialogue on government priorities. The two primary topics of the Next Round of New Generic Top-Level Domains and DNS Abuse were identified for potential questions to ask the Board. Since then a third topic - registration data policy - has also been proposed.

GAC Members will discuss particular drafted questions to present to the Board during a special committee pre-meeting preparatory call on Thursday, 12 October, after which finalized questions will be shared with the Board in preparation for the meeting.

Session Agenda

Session #6 - Tuesday, 24 October (1130 UTC) - GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

A preliminary meeting agenda for the joint meeting (as of 9 October) is:

- A. Introductions
- B. Review of GAC Topics/Questions (shared in advance of meeting)
- C. Discussion of GAC answers to selected Board questions
- C. AOB
- D. Closing

Further Information

Board-GAC Interactions -

- Within the ICANN multistakeholder community, the GAC has a fundamental relationship with the ICANN Board of Directors that is detailed in the ICANN Bylaws (see ICANN Bylaws Section 12.2(a)) and the Board-GAC meeting is a regular feature of every ICANN Public Meeting - <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en/#article12>
- From time-to-time, the GAC also hosts a meeting of the Board-GAC Interaction Group (BGIG) which is covered by a separate briefing document. For this meeting cycle, that meeting took place on 20 September 2023, during which Board members shared their reactions to the GAC Issues of Importance identified in the ICANN77 Communiqué. Information materials about that interaction can be found here -

<https://gac.icann.org/sessions/boardgac-interaction-group-call-bgig-20-september-2023> (GAC ICANN Account log-in required).

Topical Reference Documents -

- The Board [September 2023 Scorecard: Subsequent Procedures PDP](#) (10 September 2023)
- The [Board Scorecard on ICANN77 GAC Advice](#) (10 September 2023), outlining Board decisions following the issuance of GAC advice at ICANN77.
- The [Board Scorecard on ICANN77 GAC Issues of Importance](#) (21 September 2023)
- [GAC Chair Letter to ICANN Board Chair](#) (23 August 2023) - Re: Timeline to Respond to Urgent Requests for Disclosure of Domain Name Registration Data

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