
GAC “Open-Mic” Listening Session

Session # 6

Session Objective

To leverage the “Community Forum” format of the ICANN82 Public Meeting, GAC Members have created the opportunity for members of the ICANN community to gather in the GAC meeting room on Sunday 9 March at 1700 UTC (0900 Seattle time) to share their news and views with GAC representatives in-person and on-line.

This session will serve as a 30-minute “open” period during which individuals from different constituencies across the ICANN community are invited to register for a short remark time slot and “take the mic” to present questions or comments to the GAC. The GAC will be in “listening” mode during this session and may then reflect on any particular points raised later during the ICANN83 meeting week or at a future ICANN Public Meeting.

Session Agenda

Slots will be allocated to speakers in a first-come/first-served order. Speakers will be allocated time depending on the number of speaking requests received. GAC Members will be in a “listening” mode with no expectations to reply/respond to any statements. GAC Members will use the rest of the meeting week or the upcoming intersessional period to react to any information or opinions shared during this session.

Recent Developments

GAC Members have embraced the “Community Forum” format of the ICANN82 meeting by arranging a robust roster of bilateral sessions with other community groups. After attempting the open mic format early last year at ICANN79, the GAC Leadership has considered attempting the format again for a shorter session time period.

It is hoped that this “listening” session for GAC representatives will expand information and collaboration channels between governments themselves and with other ICANN community stakeholders and create the opportunity for input, suggestions and feedback that GAC representatives can consider during sessions later in the meeting week or during their intersessional deliberations after ICANN82.

As of the publication of version one of this briefing document, three community members had already signed-up to present at the session.

Key Reference Documents

- Speaker Sign-Up form link for the GAC Open-Mic session - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJjuN9pd83KqTGWM9Lff8l_ETJISKUSOS9XxwDqJV9v_TtYg/viewform

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