
GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

Session 11

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 traditional opportunities that takes place at every GAC Public Meeting. The Monday, 27 October GAC meeting with the ICANN Board at ICANN84 will enable the GAC to share views and ask timely questions of Board Members on topics of importance to governments in ICANN.

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 ICANN84, the Board has shared the following question for the GAC ahead of the meeting:

“What does the GAC believe should be the Board’s and the ICANN organization’s policy priorities in 2026, taking into consideration the new Five-Year Strategic Plan, the WSIS+20 review, and the recently launched Cross Community Group on the Review of Reviews?”

With respect to the topics and questions from the GAC “to” the ICANN Board, during the ICANN84 Agenda Setting Calls on 22 July and 23 September, GAC members were asked to share potential topics and questions for compilation by GAC Support staff and subsequent curation from the GAC Chair and Vice Chair (C-VC) team.

As of 8 October 2025, support staff was still awaiting topic and question contributions from GAC delegates and topic leads. An initial list of topics for ICANN84 were scheduled to be shared with the Board by 17 October. GAC Members subsequently reviewed and confirmed them (as well as any

associated questions) during a special committee pre-meeting preparatory call scheduled for 20 October. Subsequently, the finalized topics/questions, in slide deck form, have been shared with the Board in preparation for the meeting.

Session Agenda

Session #11 - Monday, 27 October (1500 UTC) - GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

A preliminary meeting agenda for the joint meeting (as of 22 October) is:

1. Introductions
2. Review of GAC Response to Question from Board (see above)
3. Review of GAC Topics/Questions to the Board (shared in advance of meeting)
4. AOB
5. Closing

The topics chosen by the GAC to engage on with the Board (Agenda item 3) include:

- A. ICANN Code of Conduct
- B. GAC Strategic Planning
- C. Registration Data Request Service (RDRS)
- D. Urgent Requests for Disclosure of Registration Data
- E. ICANN Review of Reviews

Further Information

Other 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). For this meeting cycle, that meeting took place on 7 October 2025, during which Board members shared their reactions to the GAC Issues of Importance identified in the ICANN83 Communiqué. Information materials about that interaction can be found here - <https://gac.icann.org/sessions/boardgac-interaction-group-bgig-call-7-october-2025>

Topical Reference Documents -

- [The Board Scorecard](#) on ICANN83 GAC Issues of Importance (1 October 2025)
- [ICANN Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2026-2030](#)
- [ICANN Action Request Registry of GAC Advice](#)

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