
GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

Session 8

Session Objectives

An ICANN Public Meeting is an opportunity for the GAC to meet and interact with ICANN groups and other organizations, enabling the committee to strengthen its channels of communication with these groups to address current issues of government interest and facilitate future informational exchanges, and facilitating the discussion and resolution of specific policy concerns .

The GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board of Directors is one of these opportunities that takes place at every ICANN Public Meeting. The Tuesday 9 June meeting at ICANN85 will enable the GAC to share its views with the Board and ask timely questions on topics of importance to governments that are within ICANN's remit.

Recent Developments

Recent GAC-Board joint meetings have covered a range of subjects and topics that were centered on formal questions the GAC submits to the Board before the start of the ICANN Public Meeting. At the Community Forum and the Annual General Meeting, the Board typically also requests feedback on topics on which it wishes to engage with each community structure. At this Policy Forum, the meeting will focus on the topics and questions submitted by the GAC.

GAC members were asked to share potential topics and questions via email, to be compiled by GAC staff support for curation by the GAC leadership team and discussion during the GAC's final Agenda Setting Call on 1 June 2026. On this call, GAC Members reviewed the list of questions submitted. Several questions were confirmed while those relating to various aspects of access to gTLD registration data were referred to the GAC's topic leads for further refinement. GAC staff support will submit the final set of questions to the Board ahead of the meeting on Tuesday 9 June.

Session Agenda

Session #8 - Tuesday, 9 June - GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

A preliminary meeting agenda for the joint meeting is:

1. Introductions
2. Review of GAC Topics/Questions to the Board (shared in advance of meeting)
3. AOB
4. Closing

As of 1 June, the questions that were submitted by GAC delegates covered the following topics:

1. The Applicant Support Program
2. gTLD Registration Data
3. Regional Internet Registry Governance
4. Large Scale, Non-Standardized DNS/IP Blocking

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 23 April 2026, during which Board members shared their reactions to the GAC Issues of Importance identified in the ICANN85 Mumbai Communiqué. Information materials about that interaction can be found here - <https://gac.icann.org/sessions/boardgac-interaction-group-bgig-call-23-april-2026>.

Topical Reference Documents -

- [ICANN Action Request Registry of GAC Advice](#)

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