
Meeting of Working Group on GAC Participation in NomCom

Block 3 - GAC Governance & Accountability Processes

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Purpose and Background

This Working Group on GAC Participation in NomCom (hereinafter “NomCom WG”) was created in 2014 and is chaired by Argentina (Olga Cavalli).

The ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom) is an independent committee tasked with identifying and selecting individuals for leadership positions. The ICANN Bylaws call for the NomCom to make a specified number of appointments to the ICANN Board of Directors (Board), the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council, the Country-Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council, and the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC).

Section 8.2 (e) of the ICANN Bylaws provides the GAC with a non-voting liaison position on the NomCom and Section 12.2(a)(vi) of the ICANN bylaws states that the GAC “shall annually appoint one non-voting liaison” to the NomCom. The GAC position on the NomCom has been vacant for some years due to a lack of agreement within the GAC on the proper role for this position.

At the GAC meeting during ICANN62 in Panama, the committee discussed a number of proposals from the working group to be presented by the GAC to the NomCom for the NomCom to consider using in selecting members for the ICANN Board. Those recommendations included:

- The personal qualities and experience identified by the ICANN Board in its periodic advice to the NomCom
- Experience of working with or in the public sector, including national or local government, public authorities or inter-governmental bodies.
- An understanding and appreciation of advancing the public interest through building partnerships and consensus
- Experience in the multicultural setting and understanding of the value and importance of diversity for ICANN as a global coordinator of the Domain Name System

The GAC agreed to formally submit those recommendations and they were transmitted to the NomCom in August 2018.

Recent Developments

During the GAC meeting at ICANN63 - Barcelona, the working group hosted a meeting between the GAC and leaders of the 2018 and 2019 NomCom. The NomCom leaders informed the the GAC about NomCom operating procedures (including confidentiality) and the status of the implementation efforts related to the

recently concluded NomCom review. Noting that every year the NomCom membership changes, the NomCom leaders suggested that the GAC consider updating or resubmitting to the NomCom it's recommended criteria for Board appointments on an annual basis. In Barcelona, the GAC also agreed to give further consideration to whether to resume its place on the NomCom.

Agenda

At ICANN64, the working group will consider the following preliminary agenda:

- Introductions
- Update on Implementation of NomCom Review
- Discussion of potential implications of NomCom review implementation for the GAC
- Discuss annual resubmission of GAC recommendations to the NomCom for Board selection criteria
- Discussion of potential future consideration of GAC resuming its place on the NomCom
- AOB

Further Information

2019 ICANN Nominating Committee Public Web Page - <https://www.icann.org/nomcom2019>

ICANN Board 2017 recommendations to ICANN Nominating Committee (December 2017) - <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/icann-board-to-nomcom-21dec17-en.pdf>).

ICANN Board 2018 recommendations to ICANN Nominating Committee (December 2018) - <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/chalaby-to-nomcom-21dec18-en.pdf>

GAC Recommendations to ICANN Nominating Committee - <https://gac.icann.org/contentMigrated/gac-chair-letter-regarding-the-nomcom-criteria>

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