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Session Objectives

The GAC will receive a status update on the GAC Underserved Regions Working Group review of the GAC new travel support rules.

Additionally, GAC Support will outline for GAC participants the timeline for the next round of elections for GAC Vice-Chairs to conclude at ICANN66.

Background

GAC Travel Support Rules
Following the publication of the revised ICANN Community Travel Support Guidelines, the GAC agreed upon updating their existing GAC Travel Support Rules to reflect and align with provisions and processes of the ICANN org guidelines.

During the ICANN64 Kobe Meeting, the GAC received an update on the efforts of support staff to draft updates to the GAC travel support rules. As a result of the meeting, the GAC approved of the GAC Underserved Regions Working Group (USR WG) to explore proposed GAC travel support rules changes, particularly the eligibility criteria.[1]

The GAC Travel Support Rules were last modified in June 2017. The current guidelines provide information and details about eligibility, criteria for selection and expectations of supported travelers. The update effort will provide better clarity for travel support applicants and staff administrators on the overall GAC process for requesting, receiving and implementing travel

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[1] https://gac.icann.org/contentMigrated/icann64-gac-kobe-minutes (section 6.4, page 13)

support. The new rules will also help the GAC leadership and membership in assessing and reporting on the value that supported travel provides to the GAC's operations and advice efforts.

Agenda

GAC Travel Support Rules

As explained at ICANN64, GAC Support reviewed the new ICANN travel guidelines as compared to the current GAC rules highlight specific areas for proposed modification of the rules and next steps for committee guidance and input on any proposed changes.
In Marrakech, with GAC USR WG Members being the primary beneficiaries of GAC travel support for ICANN Meetings, it was considered that the USRWG would be in the best position to help consider and recommend some of those updates.
the GAC Underserved Regions, being in the best position to help consider and recommend some of the revisions, will provide an update to the GAC Membership on the work undertaken following the ICANN64 Meeting.

GAC Elections

In 2019, elections for the GAC Vice chairs, who serve one (1) year terms, will be conducted.

The current Vice-Chairs have been elected for the term from March 2019 (ICANN64) to March 2020 (ICANN67).

GAC Vice-Chairs nomination will begin shortly after the ICANN65 Marrakech Meeting and will conclude 45 days before the start of the ICANN66 Meeting at which the confirmation of appointment is due to take place.Nominations for candidates start during the meeting which precedes the meeting in which the confirmation is due to take place (Operating Principle 33).
If more than five (5) candidates for the positions of Vice-Chairs, an election will be held.

The results of each election, shall formally be announced at the end of any meeting in which an election has taken place, and shall take effect at the end of the next GAC Meeting (Operating Principle 31).

In Marrakech, the GAC Support team will provide an overview of the nomination and election process to the GAC Membership.

Further Information

GAC Travel Support Rules
- [ICANN org Travel Guidelines](#) (October 2018)
- [Current GAC Travel Guidelines](#) (June 2017)
- [GAC USR WG version of Draft Updated GAC Travel Rules](#) (read and comment access)

GAC Elections:
- See [Operating Principles](#) No. 30 to 36.

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