

Second ICANN87 GAC Agenda-Setting Call Minutes

Date: Thursday, 3 September 2026; **Time:** 12:00 UTC; **Duration:** 60 minutes

Chair: Marco Hogewoning, GAC Vice-Chair, in the absence of the GAC Chair

1. Opening and Purpose of the Call

The Vice-Chair welcomed participants and recalled that the purpose of the second ICANN87 Agenda-Setting Call was primarily to review and confirm the substantive content of individual GAC sessions, building on the schedule developed during the first Agenda-Setting Call.

The overall ICANN87 GAC schedule was described as largely settled, subject to a limited number of outstanding items and possible adjustments. Topic leads and members were invited to identify any missing issues or proposed changes to planned session content.

2. Capacity Development Sessions

The Capacity Development Working Group confirmed that preparation of the ICANN87 capacity development sessions is underway, with the 2026 New gTLD Round expected to be a principal focus.

The Working Group plans to coordinate with the New gTLD topic leads to determine the detailed focus, format and sequencing of the sessions.

A suggestion was raised to consider using one of the capacity development slots for an in-person bilateral meeting with the Commercial Stakeholder Group (CSG). Other members supported retaining the capacity development sessions as currently scheduled.

It was agreed to maintain the capacity development allocations for the time being, while continuing to develop their substantive content.

3. 2026 New gTLD Round

The GAC will have substantial meeting time dedicated to the 2026 New gTLD Round, including sessions focused on operational readiness and substantive discussion following publication of the applications.

The sessions are expected to cover, as appropriate:

- GAC operational readiness for the Round;
- The GAC Early Warning and Advice processes;
- Relevant developments and updates from ICANN org;
- Follow-up from the capacity development sessions; and
- Discussion of applications, strings or other issues arising following Reveal Day.

Reveal Day was expected shortly after the Agenda-Setting Call, although an exact date had not yet been confirmed. GAC Support indicated that preparations would continue to help members make effective use of the period between Reveal Day and ICANN87.

Two principal New gTLD discussion sessions are currently planned for the opening weekend of ICANN87. An additional Tuesday morning slot remains available as a possible placeholder should developments following Reveal Day require further GAC discussion.

Members were invited to identify any specific New gTLD issues that may require more detailed preparation or discussion in Bali.

4. Registration Data

The Registration Data small group is developing the agenda for the planned 90-minute ICANN87 session.

Expected areas of discussion include:

- Developments concerning the supplemental recommendations work and related GAC priority issues;
- Ongoing discussions concerning the 15-day registration data verification timeline;
- Progress on law enforcement authentication, including the work of the established input group and implementation of the Urgent Request policy; and
- Recent developments concerning privacy and proxy services.

The detailed agenda remains under development and will be refined in light of policy work and discussions taking place ahead of ICANN87.

5. DNS Abuse

The DNS Abuse topic-lead outlined initial plans for the 90-minute DNS Abuse session.

Possible elements include:

- A host-country presentation, subject to confirmation;
- A presentation from Japan on domain hopping, including practical examples and analysis of registration data;
- A possible ICANN OCTO presentation concerning the measurement of associated domain names;
- Discussion of the DNS Abuse PDP Phase 1 work concerning associated domain name checks; and
- Preparation for the anticipated Phase 2 work concerning possible measures to introduce friction into bulk registrations at scale.

As at ICANN86, the session is expected to include an initial GAC-internal discussion followed by engagement with interested members of the wider ICANN community.

The DNS Abuse small group is also preparing GAC input on the Initial Report of the Phase 1 PDP. Members were encouraged to review the material circulated to the GAC list and provide input by 18 September.

6. Proposed Open Source Agentic AI Session

The Vice-Chair recalled the proposed session on Open Source Agentic AI in the DNS Industry and the subsequent discussion on the GAC mailing list concerning its inclusion in the ICANN87 agenda.

Members acknowledged the potential relevance of AI-related developments to the DNS ecosystem, while considering the appropriate timing and format for GAC engagement on the topic.

Denmark, the United States and Canada spoke up in support of postponing or reframing the session, emphasizing the need to prioritize immediate GAC policy work during the limited face-to-face meeting time in Bali. They also suggested that the topic could benefit from additional preparation and potentially be considered in a broader community setting.

India supported retaining the proposed session, noting the potential relevance of Agentic AI to DNS abuse, security, stability and resiliency, registry and registrar operations and the broader DNS ecosystem.

Following the discussion, the Vice-Chair summarized that there did not appear to be sufficient support to retain the session on the ICANN87 schedule in its current form. No objections were raised to a proposed way forward under which the topic would be postponed and further developed for a later opportunity.

Options identified for further consideration include a webinar and, in particular, exploring an ICANN-wide community session at ICANN88 in Lisbon.

The vacant ICANN87 session slot will therefore be considered for other priority work. GAC Support will first explore whether the CSG is available for an in-person bilateral meeting during that time. Other bilateral or substantive policy discussions may be considered should this not be possible.

7. Bilateral Meetings and Preparation

GAC Support confirmed that discussions are underway with the CSG regarding the possibility of converting the previously envisaged virtual bilateral into an in-person meeting during ICANN87.

Other bilateral meetings previously identified for virtual format will continue to be organized ahead of ICANN87.

Members requested greater visibility regarding the schedule and preparation process for these meetings, including how GAC agenda items and talking points will be developed.

The Vice-Chair confirmed that, as with the GAC-Board bilateral, members will be invited to propose topics, questions and other substantive input in advance. Counterpart groups will similarly

be encouraged to share agenda items or questions ahead of each meeting to facilitate productive discussion.

For the GAC-Board bilateral, topics and questions will be exchanged in advance, with GAC input expected toward the end of September and a preparatory call planned for the week of 5 October.

Members were encouraged to formulate proposed Board topics concisely and, where possible, as questions with a clear intended outcome.

8. GAC Communiqué Process

GAC Support provided a reminder of the standard GAC Communiqué development process.

The process consists of three stages:

- a preparation period during the approximately two weeks preceding ICANN87, during which members may identify possible Communiqué topics and propose text;
- Communiqué drafting sessions during the meeting week, allowing members to develop text and consult with capitals as necessary; and
- the standard 72-hour post-meeting review period following adoption of the Communiqué.

A collaborative Google document will be used during the preparation and drafting process. Members were reminded that GAC Support is available throughout to assist with precedent, references and consistency with established GAC practice.

Further information and timelines will be circulated ahead of the meeting.

9. ICANN87 Logistics and Other Matters

Members were reminded that registration for ICANN87 is open. Participants attending either in person or remotely should register through the ICANN meeting website in order to access the relevant meeting information and participation links.

The Indonesian hosts are also planning a GAC social gathering following the conclusion of GAC activities on Tuesday, 20 October. Further details will be circulated when available.

10. Follow-Up and Next Steps

Actions / follow-up:

- **Capacity Development Working Group / New gTLD topic leads:** continue developing the objectives and detailed agenda for the capacity development sessions.

- **New gTLD topic leads / GAC Support:** continue preparing the substantive New gTLD sessions, taking account of developments following Reveal Day and retaining flexibility to use the additional Tuesday placeholder if necessary.

- **Registration Data small group:** Finalize the detailed agenda and supporting materials for the ICANN87 Registration Data session.

- **DNS Abuse topic leads / small group:** Continue developing the DNS Abuse session and related presentations and engagement with the wider ICANN community.

- **All GAC members:** Review the circulated DNS Abuse PDP Phase 1 material and provide input by 18 September.

- **GAC Chair / Vice-Chairs / GAC Support Team:** Follow up on the proposed Agentic AI session, including possible treatment at ICANN88 or through another future format.

- **GAC Support Team**
 - ◆ Check the CSG's availability for an in-person bilateral in the ICANN87 slot becoming available following postponement of the Agentic AI session and identify an alternative use if necessary.
 - Circulate further information on the timing and preparation process for virtual and in-person bilateral meetings.
 - Submit proposed topics and questions for the GAC-Board bilateral in accordance with the forthcoming preparation timeline.
 - Launch the usual pre-meeting Communiqué preparation process and circulate relevant timelines and documentation.

Matters to be finalized ahead of ICANN87 include:

- Detailed content of the capacity development and New gTLD sessions following Reveal Day;
- Final agendas for the Registration Data and DNS Abuse sessions;
- Use of the session slot becoming available following postponement of the Agentic AI session;
- Schedule and substantive preparation for bilateral meetings; and
- The usual pre-meeting briefing and Communiqué preparation materials.

The Vice-Chair thanked participants, topic leads and GAC Support and closed the call.