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COMMUNITY FORUM

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**KOBE**

9–14 March 2019



# Welcome to Your First GAC Meeting

*March 2019*  
*Kobe Japan*



# Our Goals

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- Provide an overview of GAC Public Meetings (Background and Purpose)
- Familiarize You With the GAC Meeting Operations and Logistics
- Prepare You to Participate and Contribute
- Answer Your Questions
- Learn How to Do This Better

# New GAC Participants

Term	Delegations	New Participants	Participant Departures
ICANN 59 - 60	34	51	9
ICANN 60 - 61	29	27	18
ICANN 61 - 62	12	22	16
ICANN 62 - 63	16	26	28
ICANN 63 - 64	16	29	18

**Current Annualized  
Change Rate**

26% average - 21% past 12 months

Total GAC Participants: 357 (as of 6 October 2018)

# Our Agenda Today

1. Overview of Expectations For GAC Public Meetings
2. Review of GAC Membership, Leadership and Secretariat Support Meeting Roles
3. ICANN64 Meeting Logistics and Awareness
  - a. What to know about an ICANN Meeting
    - i. GAC Pre-Meeting preparation (agenda prep and schedule overview)
    - ii. GAC's role at ICANN Public Meetings
    - iii. GAC Membership Participation in GAC Meeting
      1. Seating
      2. Contributions/Participation
  - b. Communique drafting sessions and purpose
4. ICANN64 Questions and Answers



# 1. Overview of GAC Public Meetings (1) - Background

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- The GAC meets face-to-face three times a year in conjunction with ICANN meetings
- Traditionally, the GAC conducted most of its business at face-to-face meetings
- More recently, the demands for GAC work between face-to-face meetings has grown substantially
- Agenda & Briefs are circulated and posted on-line in advance of the meeting



# 1. Overview of GAC Public Meetings (2) - Current

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- All GAC meetings are now expected to be open/public (the committee can hold closed meetings if deemed necessary)
- Real-time interpretation in 6 UN languages + Portuguese
  - Real-time captioning
  - Remote participation
  - Recording of the meetings
- The GAC produces a Communiqué at the end of each meeting
- The Communiqué, meeting minutes, transcription and recording of all open meetings are posted online



# 1. Overview of GAC Public Meetings (3) – This Week

*Six Meeting days – 17 Meeting “Blocks” -- 30+ topic sessions -- 30+ hours*

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	<b>Saturday 9 March (1)</b>						<b>Sunday 10 March (2)</b>			<b>Monday 11 March (3)</b>			<b>Tuesday 12 March (4)</b>			<b>Wednesday 13 March (5)</b>			<b>Thursday 14 March (6)</b>			
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## 2. GAC Roles and Responsibilities: Leadership/Support/ Membership

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# Review of GAC Meeting Roles: Leadership (1)

- Chair elected by members (Egypt)
- Up to 5 Vice Chairs elected by members from different regions, to the extent possible (currently Brazil, China, France, Niue, Senegal)(France and China terms ending down after ICANN64 with Argentina and Canada beginning)
- [Chair-Vice Chairs \(C-VC\) are collectively referred to as GAC Leadership](#)
- The term of the Chair is 2 years – max 2 consecutive terms
- The term of a Vice Chair is 1 year – max 2 consecutive terms
- New GAC leadership start their terms after ICANN64 – Kobe, Japan
- At the Meeting C-VC generally handles:
  - Agenda Setting
  - Session hosting, moderation and facilitation
  - Meeting Logistics (scheduling and timing)



# Review of GAC Meeting Roles: Leadership (2)

## Managing GAC Relationships Within the Broader Community

- Bilateral meetings and activities:
  - ICANN's Board (and BGIG)
  - The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)
  - The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)
  - The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)
  - The Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)
- Community-wide activities:
  - GAC Participation in Policy Development Processes (PDPs)
  - GAC participation in cross community efforts (sessions and WGs)
  - GAC Participation in General and Specific Reviews
  - High Interest Topics



# Review of GAC Meeting Roles: Support Staff

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- Secretariat Support is provided to the GAC by:
  - ICANN GAC Support Staff
- Services of an independent secretariat vendor ended after the Barcelona meeting (1 January 2019)
  - GAC formed a team to explore a new tender and look into funding sustainability
  - C-VC and ICANN org agreed to temporary additional ICANN support to ensure continuity of GAC operations
- For ICANN/GAC Public Meetings staff supports:
  - Travel Support Matters
  - Pre-meeting briefing and documentation
  - Leadership and working group support
  - Logistics (in-room technology, remote participation, captioning)
  - Communiqué scribing and publishing, minutes, notes

# Review of GAC Roles: Membership (1)

- GAC [membership](#) comprises:
  - 178 governments as members
  - 37 Intergovernmental Organizations as observers
- Members and observers participate equally in all discussions
- At the Meeting:
  - Agenda Input
  - Participation (plenary and working groups)
  - Discussion
  - Engagement
  - Topic contributions



# Review of GAC Roles: Membership (2)

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## General Principles For GAC Participation

- Adopt **flexible** approach and make changes as necessary
- Have a clear, consistent, predictable and transparent process in taking and **documenting decisions**
- **Engage** in issues with public policy implications
- **Participate in early stages**, with a view to assisting resolution of the issue
- Approach each case on its merits
- Follow ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior



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# 3. ICANN64 Meeting: Logistics and Participation

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# 3. Public Meeting Logistics

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- What to know about an ICANN Public Meeting
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    - Contributions/Participation
  - Communiqué drafting – purpose and sessions





# Public Meeting Awareness and Participation

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- Meeting is recorded and transcribed. What you say is public.
- Meeting dialogue is “live-scribed” by “captioners”
- Captioners rotate – they don’t necessarily remember your voice
- Meeting has live-interpretation in 6 UN languages plus Portuguese (head phones available)
- Identify yourself every time you speak
- Speak slowly, Speak clearly
- There are cameras to facilitate remote participation/observation
- Quorum governs GAC decisions, so please fill out sign-in sheet whenever you get it
- Share, learn, connect!



# Preparation For GAC ICANN64 Kobe Meeting

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***6 Meeting days – 30 topic sessions -- 32 hours***

Some ICANN64 GAC Topics of Interest:

- Subsequent New gTLD Round Procedures
- IGO Protections – Curative Rights
- Geographic Names
- WHOIS and General Data Protection Regulations
- Concerns Regarding Second Level 2-character Country Codes
- CCT Review Decision



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# 4. Questions and Answers



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