

# **GAC Advice Discussion**



**Governmental Advisory Committee** 





ICANN64 GAC Plenary Meeting - Agenda Item 3.3

### **Session Goals**

- Review drafting process for GAC Communiqué at ICANN Public Meetings
- Seek GAC member feedback on proposed ICANN64 process





## **Communique Drafting Considerations - Issue**

- The GAC Communique is presently the chief mechanism by which the GAC provides "advice" to the ICANN Board. Although that mechanism is heavily used, the process is not documented.
- Recently GAC Members have noted opportunities to clarify the process the committee uses to draft the Communiqué.
- The GAC Operating Principles specifically address GAC "advice" in two Whereas clauses (5 & 6) and four specific Principles (1, 2, 46 and 48).
- GAC Operating Principle 51 "After a private meeting has been held, the Chair may issue a communiqué to the Media, such communiqué having been approved by the GAC beforehand."
- The recent departure of Independent Secretariat creates an opportunity to clarify roles and set expectations for the Communiqué development process
- The GAC Leadership has discussed and shared a proposed process for the Kobe Communiqué, including expectations for the timing and process for contributions and GAC drafting discussions.
- GAC member discussion of this proposed approach is welcomed



### **Communique Drafting Proposal – Timeline**

- GAC Leadership and Members suggest potential topics for GAC prior to ICANN64
- ⊙ By Tuesday 12 March 1330 local time (Day 4 of ICANN64)
  - GAC Working Groups and GAC Topic Leads are invited to provide text summarizing proceedings related to their areas of focus (for "Non-advice" Sections of Draft Communiqué)
- ⊙ By Tuesday 12 March 1700 local time (Review of Draft Communiqué)
  - **GAC Support Staff** to have drafted text of non-advice sections of the Communiqué (Inter-Constituency Activities and Community Engagement, Internal Matters)
  - GAC Chair, Vice-Chairs, Representatives and Observers are invited to have suggested topics and possible draft language for 'Other Issues' or 'Consensus Advice' or 'Follow-up on Consensus Advice' sections of the Communiqué



### **Communique Drafting Proposal – Draft Document**









