

Welcome to the GAC -

Attending Your First GAC Meeting

ICANN83

26 May 2025

12:00 UTC



Today's Goals

- Welcome to the GAC
- Familiarize you with GAC Public Meetings
- Provide an overview of background, context and operations of GAC Public Meetings

GAC Meeting Overview (RH)

- GAC meetings are held three times a year in a hybrid format, allowing both on-site and remote participation
- GAC meets in conjunction with ICANN public meetings
- Over 25+ years the committee has evolved to work year-round
- Traditionally, GAC used face-to-face meetings to do its work; with limited remote “observations”. Then, due to the Covid pandemic experience, meetings are now fully “hybrid”
- Meetings have become touch-points for negotiating and network opportunities
 - Opportunities for cross-community collaboration and communication
 - GAC continues to develop a Communiqué during each meeting

Key Aspects of GAC Public Meetings (RH)

- All GAC meeting sessions are open/public “hybrid” format - major reliance on Zoom Room capabilities
- Meeting are intended to be as accessible as possible:
 - Real-time interpretation in 6 UN languages + Portuguese
 - Real-time captioning - Remote participation
 - Recording of the meetings are kept on GAC website
- GAC Meetings are based on open dialogue and collegiality
- GAC traditionally produces a communiqué to the ICANN Board and community at the end each meeting
- The GAC Communiqué, meeting recordings and minutes, transcription and recording of all open meeting sessions are posted online after the meeting

Preparing for the Meeting (RH)

- Scheduled way in advance (goal - two years lead time)
- Travel support is available to aid in planning for valuable F2F time with other GAC members
- Meeting preparations begin during the previous meeting
- Members and Observers discuss and agree on potential meeting topics prior to meetings (blend of info-sharing and decision-making/advice development)
- At least two (2) agenda-setting calls each period
- Bilateral meeting prep (ALAC, Board, GNSO) arranged
- Agenda & topical briefings are circulated and posted online in advance of the meeting

ICANN82 GAC Meeting Preparations (RH)

Preparation resources:

- [ICANN83 - Policy Forum](#) - Please Register asap
- GAC welcome webinars - for first timers - (today) and for operational overview (previously on 22 May)
- GAC written briefings and prep docs (this week)
- [ICANN83 Prep Week](#)
- Calendar invites to all GAC for each session (from GAC support)
- [GAC ICANN 83 Meeting web page](#)

GAC Website - ICANN Meetings (GTO)

Meetings & Records

Full meetings of the GAC are usually conducted three times a year in conjunction with an ICANN public meeting. They may also be conducted interessionally. GAC meetings are usually open. This part of the website provides access to past, present and future GAC meeting materials, including other calls and interactions the GAC has internally and with other groups.

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Prague, Czech Republic 09 June 2025 - 12 June 2025

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Preparation Information for GAC Members

GAC Hybrid Meeting at ICANN83

Prague, Czech Republic

(GAC Members login recommended)

The ICANN83 Policy Forum will be held in Prague, Czech Republic from Monday 9 June through Thursday 12 June 2025. The 4-day meeting will be conducted as a hybrid event to accommodate both in-person and virtual attendance. The associated GAC meeting schedule has been developed by the committee to leverage that hybrid format.

The Policy Forum will present many opportunities for government attendee discussions and deliberations with time for the committee's various policy and advice priorities, and bandwidth for attendees to participate in important cross-community endeavors. During the meeting, member representatives will continue their work on several key topics that have attracted priority attention from governments throughout the last several years. These topics will include (1) discussions regarding the program for the next round of new generic top-level domains (gTLDs); (2) registration information and data protection policies; and (3) DNS abuse mitigation measures.

As the committee continues to evolve its growing emphasis on capacity development for

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Other Resource Briefing Documents:

In addition to the resources on this web page, GAC Support staff is compiling preparation materials to help attendees fully utilize the remote connection services and resources that are being provided by ICANN org for the ICANN83 Policy Forum. That documentation is developed for every GAC meeting in the form of a “one-stop” reference manual that consolidates various notices and reminders about meeting planning and logistics. A web link to the ICANN org document will be posted on this page after an email notice is made to GAC Members and Observers.

As they become available, this web page section will also provide links to preview and briefing documents prepared by the GNSO Support staff and the ICANN org Policy Development Support team.

- [GAC ICANN83 Community Forum Logistics Details](#)
- [ICANN83 Policy Outlook Report](#)
- GNSO Policy Briefing ICANN83

For each ICANN Public Meeting, ICANN org also publishes a general meeting guide for meeting attendees. You may find more details at the following link:

- [ICANN Meetings Participation Details](#)

Please contact GAC Support Staff at gac-staff@icann.org if you have questions about accessing any of these briefing documents.

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ICANN83 - Session 1 - GAC Opening Plenary

07:00 - 08:15 UTC

Session Details:

Agenda

Introduction of the meeting week by the GAC Chair, followed by a "tour de table" of GAC members and observers.

ICANN83 Block Schedule (JC)

UTC +2	Monday 9 June 2025 (Day 1)	Tuesday 10 June 2025 (Day 2)	Wednesday 11 June 2025 (Day 3)		Thursday 12 June 2025 (Day 4)	UTC +2
9:00	1. GAC Opening Plenary (75 mins)	4. GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation (75 mins)	10. GAC Session on Security and Stability <i>GAC Meeting on DNS Blocking and OSS with the SSAC (35 mins)</i> <i>GAC Meeting on DNSSEC and Quantum with SIDN Labs (35 mins)</i> (75 mins)		13.c. GAC Communique Drafting (75 mins)	9:00
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9:45						9:45
10:00	Break (30 mins)	Break (30 mins)	Break (30 mins)		Break (30 mins)	10:00
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11:00	2. GAC Capacity Development New gTLD Program Next Round (AGB) (90 mins)	5. GAC Meeting with the GNSO (45 mins)	11. GAC Discussion on WHOIS and Registration Data Issues (45 mins)		13.d. GAC Communique Drafting (90 mins)	11:00
11:15		6. GAC Meeting with the ALAC (45 mins)				12. GAC Meeting with the ASO on ICP-2 (45 mins)
11:30		Lunch Break (90 mins)	Lunch Break (90 mins) <i>[GAC Leadership Meeting]</i>			11:30
11:45						11:45
12:00	12:00					
12:15	12:15					
12:30	Lunch Break (90 mins)	Lunch Break (90 mins) <i>[GAC Leadership Meeting]</i>		Lunch Break (90 mins)	12:30	
12:45					12:45	
13:00					13:00	
13:15					13:15	
13:30	3. GAC Discussion on New gTLDs Next Round (75 mins)	7. GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board (75 mins)	GNSO Council Meeting (13:45-14:45)	13.a. GAC Communique Drafting (75 mins)	13.e. GAC Communique Drafting (75 mins)	13:30
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14:30	Break (30 mins)	Break (30 mins)	Break (30 mins)	Break (30 mins)	14:30	
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15:00					15:00	
15:15					15:15	
15:30	Community Session on WSIS+20 (90 mins) <i>[In GAC meeting room]</i>	8. GAC Strategic Planning and Operating Matters Discussion (60 mins)	13.b. GAC Communique Drafting (90 mins)	Working Session on How We Meet (90 mins)	13.f. GAC Communique Drafting (90 mins) (if needed)	15:30
15:45		15:45				
16:00		9. GAC Communique Review (30 mins)				16:00
16:15		16:15				
16:30	Opening Reception (60 mins)	Networking Cocktail (60 mins)	Networking Cocktail (60 mins)	Closing Reception (60 mins)	16:30	
16:45					16:45	
17:00					17:00	
17:15					17:15	
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17:45					17:45	
18:00					18:00	
	GAC Plenary Sessions GAC Joint Sessions Community Sessions GAC Communique GAC Capacity Development		Official Times for ICANN83 09:00-17:00 (UTC+2)			

GAC ICANN83 Schedule Preview (JC)

- 20 Total Program Hours
- 1.5 hours of capacity development
- 5 Bilateral community meetings (ICANN Board, GNSO, ALAC, etc.)
- 5 Topic-specific sessions
- 8+ hours GAC Communiqué development
- 3 hours of ICANN programming

GAC ICANN83 Key Topics (JC)

- New gTLDs Program Next Round
- DNS Abuse Mitigation
- WHOIS and Registration Data Issues
- Joint meetings with ICANN communities (incl. traditional bilaterals)
- GAC Strategic Planning
- GAC Capacity Development
- Discussion on WSIS+20 (community session)

Session details: <https://gac.icann.org/agendas/icann83-prague-agenda>

At ICANN83 - Overview of Logistics and Technical Capabilities (GTO)

Notes for All Attendees

- **Before** the session
 - Calendar Invites in advance
 - Check Session pages on GAC website for materials
 - Make sure Zoom is up to date
- **During** the session
 - Requesting Floor Procedure (all on-site and virtual participants)
 - Raise Hand via Zoom room
 - Identified by chair/staff as governments or individuals
 - Turn on video; Turn on microphone
 - Interpretation - 6 UN Languages
 - Available through Zoom system; pick Language in Zoom
 - Identify yourself and **speak slowly and clearly** for scribes and interpreters
- **After** the session
 - Recordings and transcripts available on GAC web site

At ICANN83 - Overview of Logistics and Technical Capabilities (GTO)

Notes for In-person Attendees

- Traditional GAC delegation seats at table microphones, but no flags or name cards
- Non-members-or-observers welcomed in chairs on right, left and behind GAC tables
- Seats will be reserved in front rows for some bilateral sessions (for guests)
- Staff in back of room. Opportunities for info updates, attendance, connecting , etc.
- Health and Safety Protocols (masks by choice, distancing, breaks)

GAC Communiqué at ICANN Meetings



GAC Role in ICANN - Advice to the Board (RH)

“Bylaws Section 12.2(a)(x): The advice of the Governmental Advisory Committee on public policy matters **shall be duly taken into account**, both in the formulation and adoption of policies. In the event that the Board determines to take an action that is not consistent with Governmental Advisory Committee advice, it shall so inform the Governmental Advisory Committee and state the reasons why it decided not to follow that advice.

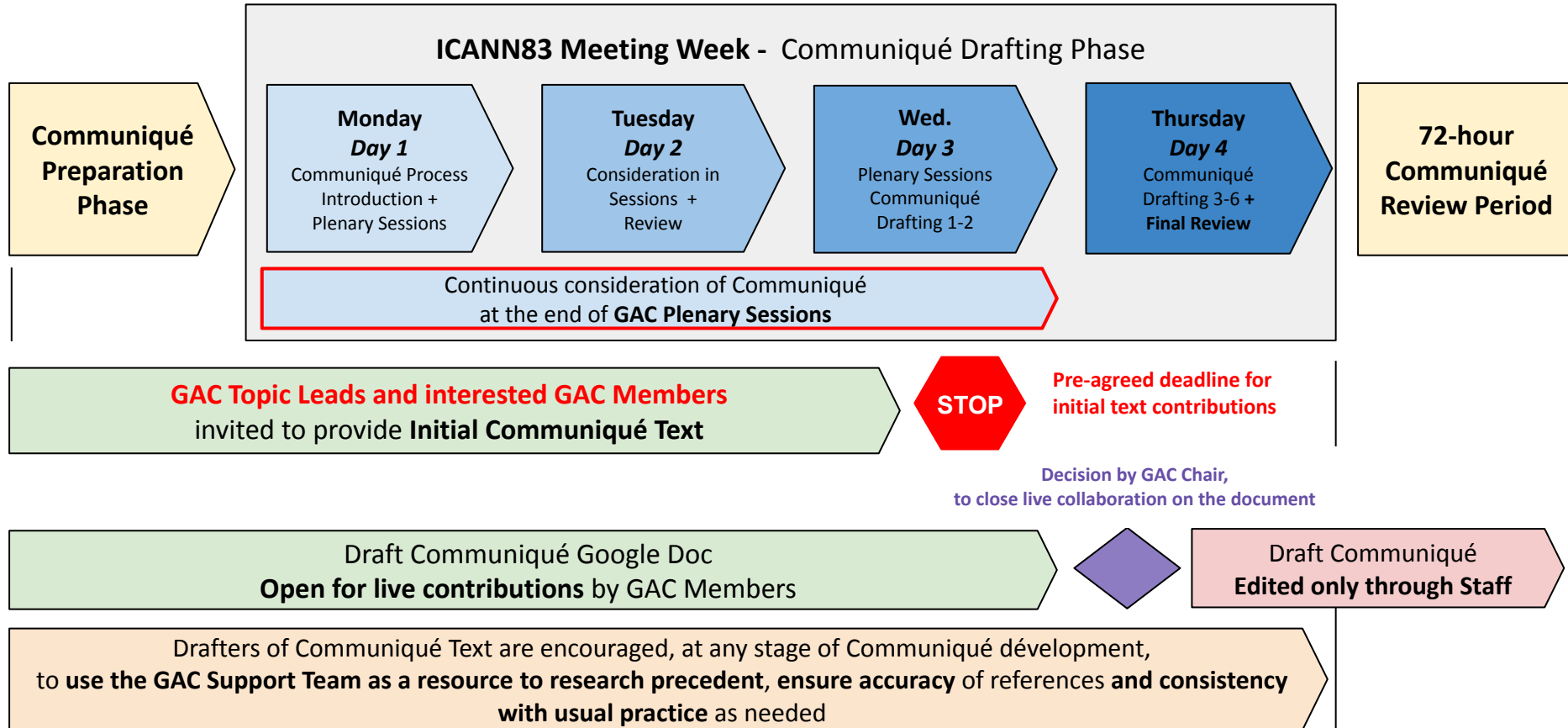
Any Governmental Advisory Committee advice approved by a full Governmental Advisory Committee consensus, understood to mean the practice of adopting decisions by general agreement in the absence of any formal objection ("GAC Consensus Advice"), may only be rejected by a vote of no less than 60% of the Board, and the Governmental Advisory Committee and the Board will then try, in good faith and in a timely and efficient manner, to find a mutually acceptable solution. The Governmental Advisory Committee will state whether any advice it gives to the Board is GAC Consensus Advice.”



GAC Communique Background and Overview (RH)

- GAC Communiqué is a traditional work product of the committee - identified as a “report” in the GAC Operating Principles and produced after every ICANN public meeting
- Has evolved to serve as the primary GAC “advice” channel to the ICANN Board
- Also used by the committee as a means to identify and share views on “issues of importance” from governments to the ICANN Board and rest of the community
- New procedural elements to Communiqué preparation and approval are frequently considered and process is regularly refined.

Communiqué Development for ICANN83 (RH)



Preparation Reminders (GTO)

- ICANN org Expectations:
 - Registration deadline for on-site attendees by 8 June
 - <https://meetings.icann.org/en/meetings/icann83/>
 - Registration confirmation email (includes QR code) and government-issued photo identification to receive an ICANN83 attendee badge.
- Technical Considerations for all:
 - Zoom Meeting app (**up-to-date**)
 - [“SCHD” Meeting Scheduling app](#) (supplement invites)
 - Bring your QR code to meeting
- Unique Virtual Considerations:
 - Multi-tasking, Video backgrounds, bandwidth
 - Reactions - Raise hand to be recognized
 - Bandwidth considerations



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Schedule

Welcome to ICANN83 in Prague, the Czech Republic. ICANN's hybrid four-day Policy Forum is focused on current policy development work, outreach, and daily opportunities to network with the community.

Hosted by

ICANN83 will be held **9 - 12 June 2025** at the [Prague Congress Center](#).



Prep Week (Online Only): 27 - 28 May 2025

REGISTER TODAY!

In-Person attendance registration remains open until 8 June. (On-site registration will not be available.)

To request an invitation letter for visa applications, please [Register](#) as an in-person participant for this meeting.

Pre-ICANN83 Briefings

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ICANN83 Prep Week (GTO)

The complete list of ICANN83 Meeting “Prep Week” webinars and recordings are available at: <https://icann83.sched.com/>



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Tuesday, May 27

17:00 CEST

Policy & Advice Update Webinar
Andrea Glandon

18:30 CEST

IDN and UA Community Update
Sarmad Hussain • Pitinan Kooarmornpatana

20:00 CEST

New gTLD Program: Next Round Implementation Status Update
Marika Konings

22:30 CEST

Policy Implementation & ICANN Reviews Update
Karen Lentz

Wednesday, May 28

17:00 CEST

Geopolitical, Legislative, and Regulatory Developments Update
Venl Markovski • Rebecca McGilley

18:30 CEST

ICANN Board Engagement with the ICANN Community - Topic: Reviews
Wendy Profit • Lisa Saulino

20:00 CEST

Finance and Planning Update
Margaret Benavides • Becky Nash

Thank you!