

Welcome to the GAC - ***Attending Your First GAC Meeting***

ICANN82

20 February 2025

05:00 UTC



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:

- [ICANN82 - Community Forum](#) - Please Register asap
- GAC welcome webinars - for first timers - (today) and for operational overview (previously on 17 February)
- GAC written briefings and prep docs (next week)
- [ICANN82 Prep Week](#)
- Calendar invites to all GAC for each session (from GAC support)
- [GAC ICANN 82 Meeting web page](#)

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ICANN82 Hybrid Meeting Agenda

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- Topics Discussed: [ALAC](#) [Applicant Support Program](#) [DNS Abuse](#) [GAC Strategic and Annual Plans](#) [GNSO](#) [ICANN Board](#) [ICANN Meetings](#) [New gTLDs Next Round](#) [Public Safety WG](#) [SSAC](#) [Underserved Regions WG](#)

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AGENDA

Seattle, Washington, United States of America 08 March 2025 - 13 March 2025

Introduction

Preparation Information for GAC Members

GAC Hybrid Meeting at ICANN82

Seattle, Washington, United States of America

(GAC Members login recommended)

The ICANN82 Community Forum will be held in Seattle, Washington from Saturday 8 March through Thursday 13 March 2025. The 6-day meeting will be conducted as a hybrid event to accommodate both in-person and virtual attendance and the GAC schedule has been developed by the committee to leverage that hybrid format.

The meeting will present many opportunities for government attendee discussions and deliberations with time for the committee's various policy and advice priorities and bandwidth for Members to participate in important cross-community endeavors. During the meeting, committee members 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; (2) Registration Data Services (RDS/WHOIS) and data protection policies;

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ICANN82 - Session 3 - GAC Opening Plenary

21:15 - 22:30 UTC

Session Details:

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

ICANN82 Block Schedule (JC)

UTC-8/-7	Saturday 8 March (Day 1) UTC -8	Sunday 9 March (Day 2) UTC -7	Monday 10 March (Day 3)	Tuesday 11 March (Day 4)	Wednesday 12 March (Day 5)	Thursday 13 March (Day 6)	UTC-8/-7
9:00							9:00
9:15	1. GAC Capacity Development (60 mins) GeoTLD group	6. GAC - Community Open Mic (30 mins)	Welcome Ceremony + Community Excellence Award (60 mins)	14. GAC Meeting with the ALAC (60 mins)	19. GAC Meeting with the CPH (60 mins)	Geopolitical Forum (60 mins)	9:15
9:30		7. GAC Meeting with the NCSG (30 mins)					9:30
9:45							9:45
10:00	Break (30 mins)	Break (30 mins)		Break (30 mins)	Break (30 mins)	Break (30 mins)	10:00
10:15			Break (30 mins)				10:15
10:30	2. GAC Capacity Development (90 mins) New gTLD Next Round (Champions Toolkit)	8. A Registrant's Journey [RrSG] (60 mins)	How We Meet Community Feedback Session (75 mins)	15. GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse (90 mins)	20. GAC Meeting with the ccNSO (90 mins)	ICANN Public Forum (90 mins)	10:30
10:45							9. GAC Prep session for discussion on Next round (30 mins)
11:00							11:00
11:15							11:15
11:30							11:30
11:45							11:45
12:00	Lunch Break (75 mins)	Lunch Break (75 mins)	Lunch Break (75 mins)	Lunch Break (75 mins) <i>Leadership Meeting [C]</i>	Lunch Break (75 mins) <i>Leadership Meeting [C]</i>	Lunch Break (75 mins)	12:00
12:15							12:15
12:30							12:30
12:45							12:45
13:00							13:00
13:15	3. GAC Opening Plenary (75 mins)	10. GAC Discussion on New gTLD Program Next Round (75 mins)	Q&A with ICANN Org Executive Team (75 mins)	16.a. Communique Drafting (75 mins)	16.b. Communique Drafting (75 mins)	16.e. Communique Drafting (75 mins)	13:15
13:30							Break (30 mins)
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15:15	4. GAC Strategic Planning Discussion (60 mins)	11. GAC Meeting with the GNSO (60 mins)	13. GAC Discussion on WHOIS and Registration Data Issues (60 mins)	17. GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board (60 mins)	16.c. Communique Drafting (60 mins)	16.f. Communique Drafting (60 mins)	15:15
15:30							Break (30 mins)
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16:00							16:00
16:15							16:15
16:30	5. GAC Operating Matters Discussion (60 mins)	12. GAC Meeting with the SSAC (60 mins)	Dialogue on ICANN Community Participant Code of conduct (60 mins)	18. WSIS+20 Discussion with GAC IG Group (60 mins)	16.d. Communique Drafting (60 mins)	ICANN Board Meeting Closing Cocktail (60 mins)	16:30
16:45			GAC Africa Awareness Session and Call to Action (60 mins)				16:45
17:00							17:00
17:15							17:15
17:30							17:30
17:45							17:45
18:00			ICANN Cocktail Event (60 mins)				18:00

GAC ICANN82 Schedule Preview (JC)

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

GAC ICANN82 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
- GAC Discussion on WSIS+20

Session details: <https://gac.icann.org/agendas/icann82-hybrid-meeting-agenda>

At ICANN82 - 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 ICANN82 - 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)

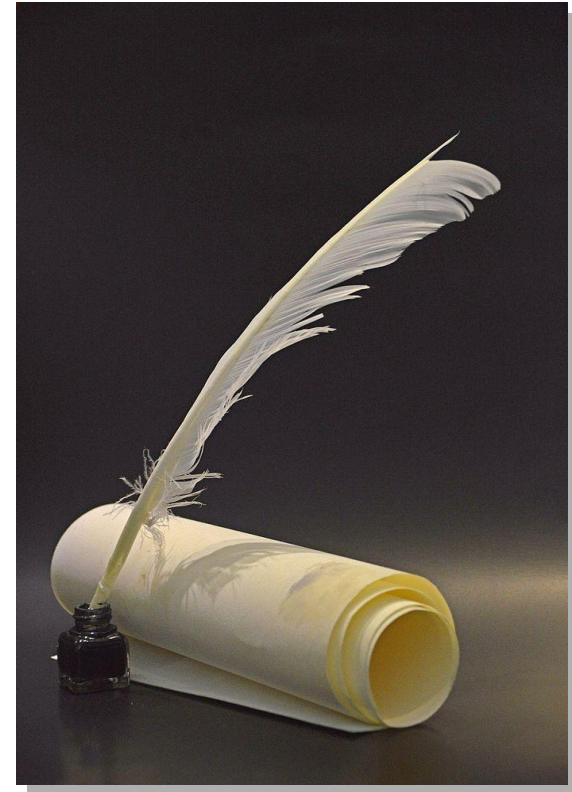
GAC Communiqué at ICANN Meetings



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.

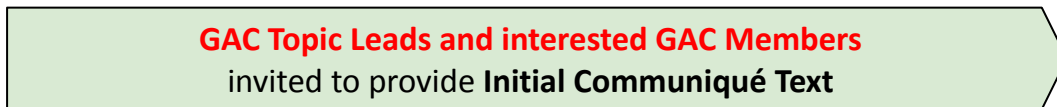
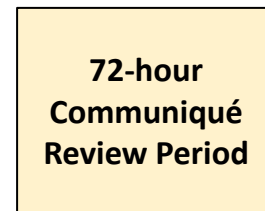
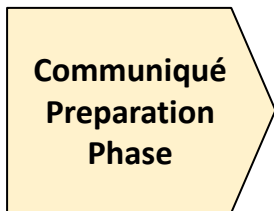
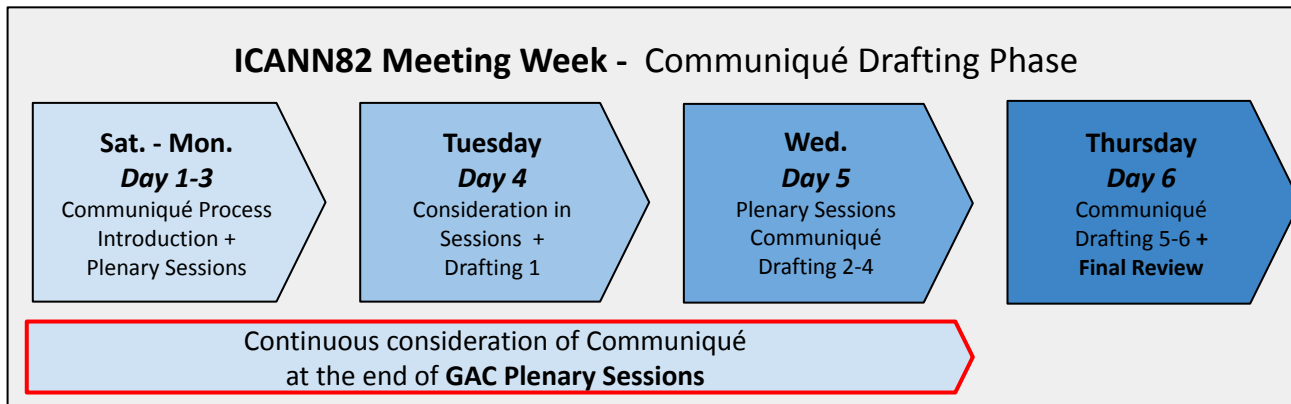
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GAC Communique Background and Overview (RH)

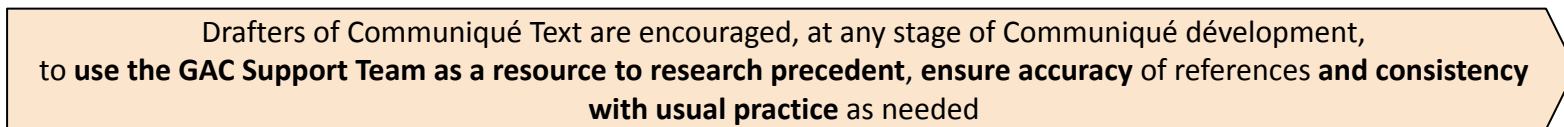
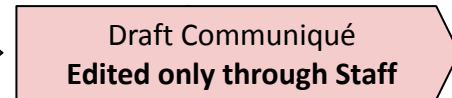
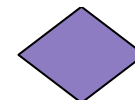
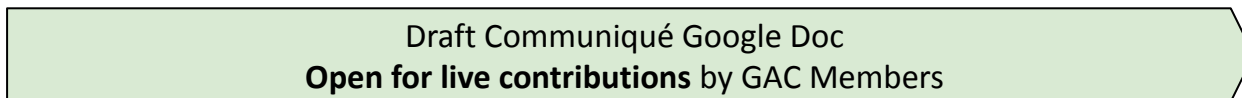
- GAC Communiqué is a traditional work product of the committee - identified as a “report” in the GAC Operating Principles and produced after every ICANN public meeting
- Has evolved to serve as the primary GAC “advice” channel to the ICANN Board
- Also used by the committee as a means to identify and 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 (e.g., ICANN70) and process is regularly refined.

Communiqué Development for ICANN82 (RH)



**Pre-agreed deadline for
initial text contributions**

Decision by GAC Chair,
to close live collaboration on the document



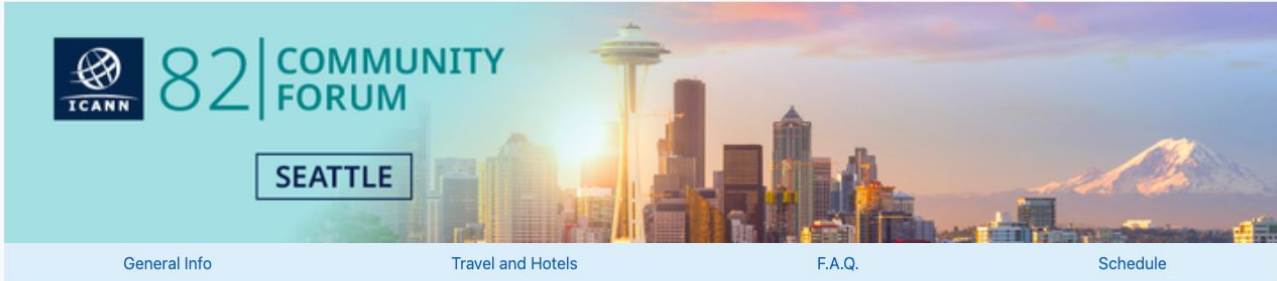
Preparation Reminders (GTO)

- ICANN org Expectations:
 - Registration deadline for on-site attendees by 7 March
 - <https://meetings.icann.org/en/meetings/icann82>
 - Registration confirmation email (includes QR code) and government-issued photo identification to receive an ICANN82 attendee badge.
- Technical Considerations for all:
 - Zoom Meeting app (**up-to-date**)
 - [“SCHÉD” 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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ICANN82 Seattle Community Forum

The banner features the ICANN logo on the left, followed by the text '82 | COMMUNITY FORUM' in a large, teal font. Below this, the word 'SEATTLE' is enclosed in a white rectangular box with a teal border. The background is a scenic view of the Seattle skyline at sunset, with the Space Needle and Mount Rainier visible.

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Welcome to ICANN82 Community Forum in Seattle, United States of America. The Community Forum is the first meeting in the three-meeting annual cycle, typically held in February or March. The duration of the Community Forum is six total days, running from Saturday through Thursday.

The Community Forum structure includes time for internal work of the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees (SO/ACs), cross-community interaction, and plenary sessions on topics of community-wide interest.

ICANN82 will be held **8 - 13 March 2025** at the [Hyatt Regency Seattle Hotel](#).

Prep Week (Online Only): 24 - 26 February 2025

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

In-Person attendance registration remains open until 7 March. (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.

International Visitors - General Information

Official Language(s)

English



ICANN82 Prep Week (GTO)

The complete list of ICANN82 Meeting “Prep Week” webinars and recordings are available at: <https://icann82.sched.com/>



Monday, February 24

07:00 PST | ICANN Board Engagement with the ICANN Community

08:30 PST | Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Updates

10:00 PST | Current State of Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP)

12:30 PST | Contractual Compliance Update

Tuesday, February 25

07:00 PST | Finance and Planning Update

08:30 PST | ICANN Five-Year Strategic Plan Update

10:00 PST | New gTLD Program: Next Round Implementation Status Update

12:30 PST | Policy Implementation and ICANN Reviews Update

Wednesday, February 26

07:00 PST | Policy and Advice Update

08:30 PST | Geopolitical Updates

10:00 PST | Progress on Work to Improve the Efficacy and Efficiency of ICANN Public Meetings

Thank you!

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Key Aspects of GAC Public Meetings Generally (3)

- Hybrid/Zoom Room Logistics:
 - Identified by chair as governments or individuals
 - Identify yourself and affiliation whenever speaking
 - Hands in Zoom Room (enforced since Hybrid format)
- Unique In-person considerations
 - GAC Seating Area (e.g., table seats/not-assigned; delegation size, etc.)
- Unique Virtual Considerations:
 - Multi-tasking
 - Video background and expressions
 - Bandwidth considerations

High Level Government Meeting (HLGM)

Following recommendations from ICANN's Accountability & Transparency Review Teams 1&2, a High Level Government Meeting (HLGM) is organized once every few (ideally, two) years, hosted by one of the GAC Members

Past meetings:

- Canada (ICANN45, Toronto, October 2012)
- United Kingdom (ICANN50, London, June 2014)
- Kingdom of Morocco (ICANN55, Marrakech, February 2016)
- Spain (ICANN63, Barcelona, October 2018)
- Rwanda (ICANN80, Kigali, June 2024)

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