

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

ICANN86 - Policy Forum  
Seville, Spain

**21 May 2026**

**12:00 UTC**



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# Today's Goals

- Welcome to the GAC
- Provide an overview of background, context and operations of GAC Public Meetings
- Info about Meeting Preparation Resources

# GAC Meeting Overview

- 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”. Since 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

- 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

- ICANN Goal to Schedule Meeting far 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 prep period
- Bilateral meeting prep (ICANN Board) (priority on policy and operational matters)
- Agenda & session/topical briefings are published online in advance of the meeting

# ICANN86 GAC Meeting Preparations

Preparation resources:

- ICANN Meetings Page - [ICANN86 - Community Forum](#) - Please Register asap
- GAC welcome webinars - for first timers - (today) and for operational overview (previously on 18 May)
- GAC written briefings and prep docs (this week)
- [ICANN86 Prep Week](#)
- Calendar invites to all GAC for each session (from GAC support)
- [GAC ICANN86 Policy Forum 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 intersessionally. 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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# AGENDA

Seville, Spain 08 June 2026 - 11 June 2026

## Introduction

Preparation Information for GAC Members

GAC Hybrid Meeting at ICANN86

Seville, Spain

(GAC Members login recommended)

The ICANN86 Policy Forum will be held in Seville, Spain from Monday 8 June through Thursday 11 June 2026. 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.

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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 ICANN86 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 ICANN86 Community Forum Logistics Details](#)
- [ICANN86 Policy Outlook Report](#)

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](mailto:gac-staff@icann.org) if you have questions about accessing any of these briefing documents.

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## ICANN86 - Session 1 - GAC Opening Plenary

08:00 - 09:15 UTC

**Session Details:**

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



# ICANN86 Block Schedule

UTC +2	Monday 8 June 2026 (Day 1)		Tuesday 9 June 2026 (Day 2)		Wednesday 10 June 2026 (Day 3)		Thursday 11 June 2026 (Day 4)		UTC +2						
10:00	1. Opening Plenary (75 mins)		4. GAC Discussion on Review of Reviews (45 mins)		GNSO DNS Abuse PDP (3/4) (75 mins)	10. GAC Leadership and Operations Update (75 mins)	12.c. GAC Communique Drafting (75 mins)		10:00						
10:15			5. GOPE WG Proposal (30 mins)						10:15						
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11:15	GNSO DNS Abuse PDP (1/4) (90 mins)		Review of Reviews (90 mins)	2. GAC Capacity Development (GAC readiness for Next Round) (90 mins)	6. GAC Discussion on Registration Data Issues (45 mins)		11. GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation (45 mins)	GNSO DNS Abuse PDP (4/4) (90 mins)	12.d. GAC Communique Drafting (90 mins)		11:15				
11:30					6.a Informational Session on Accuracy of Registration Data (45 mins)						11.a. GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse with relevant SO/AC groups (45 mins)		11:30		
11:45			Lunch Break (90 mins)		Lunch Break (90 mins)		Lunch Break (90 mins)				Lunch Break (90 mins)		11:45		
12:00			Lunch Break (90 mins)		Lunch Break (90 mins)		Lunch Break (90 mins)				Lunch Break (90 mins)		12:00		
12:15			Lunch Break (90 mins)		Lunch Break (90 mins)		Lunch Break (90 mins)				Lunch Break (90 mins)		12:15		
12:30	3. GAC Capacity Development (GAC readiness for Next Round) (75 mins)		GNSO DNS Abuse PDP (2/4) (75 mins)	7. GAC Discussion on New gTLDs Next Round (75 mins)	12.a. GAC Communique Drafting (75 mins)		12.e. GAC Communique Drafting (75 mins)		12:30						
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13:45	Community Session: Current and Coming Impact of Artificial Intelligence on DNS Abuse (90 mins)		8. GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board (60 mins)		12.b. GAC Communique Drafting (90 mins)		Community Session: Cross-Community Dialogue on the Feasibility of a Platform for ASP-Supported New gTLDs (90 mins)		13:45						
14:00			9. GAC Communique Review (30 mins)						14:00						
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19:00									Opening Reception (60 mins)		Networking Cocktail (60 mins)		Closing Reception (60 mins)		19:00

# GAC ICANN86 Schedule Preview (JC)

- 19 Total Program Hours
- <3 hours of capacity development
- 1 Bilateral meeting (ICANN Board)
- 6 Topic-specific sessions
- 7 hours GAC Communiqué development (incl. Communiqué review)
- 3 hours of ICANN programming

# GAC ICANN86 Key Topics (JC)

- New gTLDs Program Next Round
- DNS Abuse Mitigation
- Registration Data Issues
- Joint meeting with ICANN Board
- GAC Capacity Development

*Session details: <https://gac.icann.org/agendas/icann86-seville-agenda>*

# At ICANN86 - 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 ICANN86 - 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)

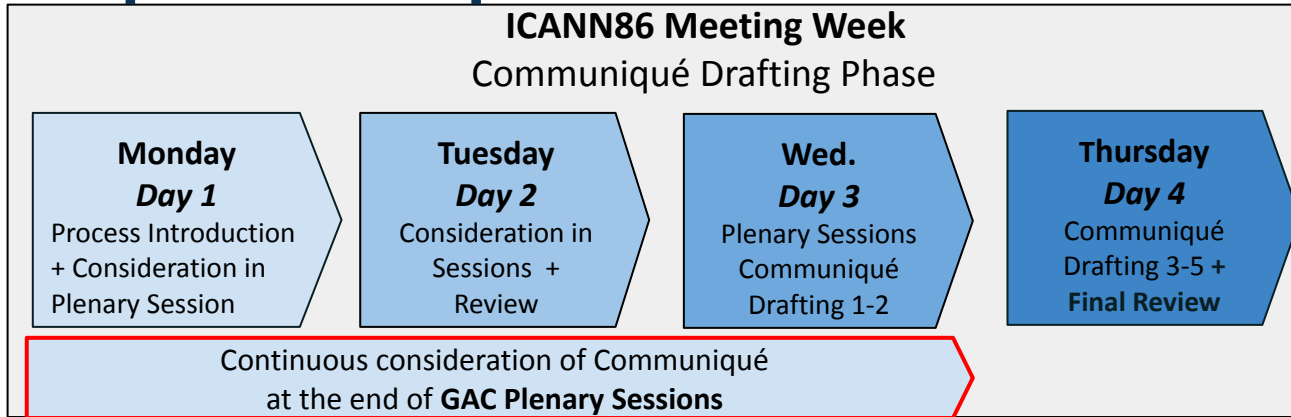
# GAC Communiqué at ICANN Meetings



# GAC Communique Background and Overview

- 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.
- Consider early topic and language submissions (watch for GAC Chair emails)

# Communiqué Development for ICANN86



**GAC Topic Leads and interested GAC Members**  
(in coordination with Topic Leads where appropriate)  
invited to provide **Initial Communiqué Text**

**STOP** **Pre-agreed deadline for initial text contributions**  
Decision by GAC Chair, to close live collaboration on the document

Draft Communiqué Google Doc  
**Open for live contributions** by GAC Members

Draft Communiqué  
**Edited only through Staff**

Drafters of Communiqué Text are encouraged, at any stage of Communiqué développement, to use the **GAC Support Team** as a resource to research precedent, ensure accuracy of references and consistency with usual practice as needed

# Preparation Reminders (GTO)

- ICANN org Expectations:
  - Registration deadline for on-site attendees by 7 June
    - <https://meetings.icann.org/en/meetings/icann86/>
    - Registration confirmation email (includes QR code) and government-issued photo identification to receive an ICANN86 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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## ICANN86 Policy Forum

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Welcome to ICANN86 Policy Forum in Seville, Spain. ICANN's hybrid four-day Policy Forum is focused on current policy development work, outreach, and daily opportunities to network with the community.

ICANN86 Policy Forum will be held in Seville, Spain at the [FIBES Conference and Exhibition Centre](#) from **8 - 11 June 2026**.

This will be a hybrid meeting with both in-person and virtual participation.

All sessions will be conducted during regular working hours in Seville, Spain (Central European Summer Time, CEST, Commences on 29 March 2026 / UTC+2:00 hours).

Prep Week will be conducted on 20 and 21 May, 2026.

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# ICANN86 Prep Week (GTO)



The complete list of ICANN86 Meeting “Prep Week” webinars and recordings are available at:

<https://icann86.sched.com/>

Date	Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)	ICANN86 Prep Week Session
Wednesday, 20 May 2026	15:00–16:00	DNS Abuse Mitigation Policy Development Process 1 Update
	16:30–17:30	Approaching the Finish Line: Update on the Internet Coordination Policy 2 Review
	18:00–19:00	Finance and Planning Update
	19:30–20:30	Policy and Advice Update
Thursday, 21 May 2026	15:00–16:00	Review of Reviews Update: Contribute to the Draft Report
	16:30–17:30	Geopolitical, Legislative, and Regulatory Developments Update
	18:00–19:00	ICANN Board Engagement With the ICANN Community

*Thank you!*

# ICANN Meetings Website



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# Archives

# 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)

# GAC Website Tour - Meeting Minutes

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the ICANN GAC website. The logo 'ICANN | GAC' is on the left. On the right, there are links for 'SEARCH', 'LOGIN', and 'JOIN THE GAC'. Below this is a horizontal menu with items: 'HOME', 'NEWS', 'ABOUT THE GAC', 'GAC ADVICE', 'MEETINGS & RECORDS', and 'WORK EFFORTS'. The 'MEETINGS & RECORDS' link is circled in red. Below the menu is a large banner for 'Meetings & Records' with a background image of a globe and network lines. The banner contains text about GAC meetings and three links at the bottom: 'Calendar', 'ICANN Meeting Agendas', and 'ICANN Meeting Minutes'. The 'ICANN Meeting Minutes' link is also circled in red.

## ICANN Meeting Minutes

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The screenshot shows a PDF viewer interface. At the top, there are navigation icons: a list icon, three dots, a minus sign, a plus sign, a page number '1' in a box, 'of 19', a search icon, and a refresh icon. Below the viewer, the ICANN GAC logo is visible on the left, and the ICANN 77 logo is on the right.

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