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GAC Travel Support Rules Update

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ICANN64 GAC Plenary Meeting – Block 17, Session 17.2

- Provide GAC Members With Status of Efforts to Update GAC Travel Support Rules
- Alert GAC Members to Follow-up Steps and Timelines to Adopt New Rules



1. Overview and Background
2. Recent updates/areas of potential changes
 - a. Application/Selection process
 - b. Eligibility criteria
 - c. Selection criteria
3. Opportunities for GAC input
4. Next steps/ Timeline for implementation



- Travel Changes at ICANN
 - New Community Travel Support Guidelines (updated October 2018)
 - Fellowship Application process improvements (June 2016)
- Project Goals
 - Conform GAC Travel Guidelines to ICANN org (as needed)
 - Better understanding of the overall GAC travel support capability
 - More Clarity for Applicants
 - More Certainty in Selection Process
 - Increased Transparency and Accountability (use of resources)



Applications will be needed much earlier than before.

	Application Process	Timeline	Lead
1	GAC Travel Support Request Form to complete	1 week from sent date. (Usually sent 3 weeks before the ICANN Travel Support submission deadline)	GAC Membership
2	Requests submitted to Selection Committee with a first selection (see selection process section 4.3)	2 days after travel support form is closed	ICANN GAC Support
3	Selection Committee review of GAC applications	1 week once list has been submitted by GAC Support	GAC Leadership
4	Final list sent to ICANN Travel Support	120 days prior to the next ICANN Meeting*	ICANN GAC Support
5	GAC Supported travelers notifications	120 days prior to the next ICANN Meeting*	ICANN GAC Support

*to allow for sufficient visa processing time

2b. Eligibility Criteria

Like the current rules, the eligibility conditions under new guidelines will provide basic baseline criteria for applicants. First filter for selection process.

	Eligibility - YES / NO	Eligibility - no current changes to date
1	GAC Member country, territory or observing organization? List of GAC Members and Observers	-
2	Low, lower-middle, upper-middle income (LI, LMI, UMI) economies following the World Bank economic classification	-
3	United Nations grouping of Small Islands Developing States (SIDs)	-
4	United Nations grouping of Least Developed Countries (LDCs)	-
5	Observing organization is dedicated to the interest of LDCs/SIDs, has no members from the OECD and is based (headquarters) in an LDC/SID (<i>includes pre-approved organisation requests</i>)	-

2c. Selection Criteria

New rules will propose to create a more certain process for both applicants and processors. Scoring system supported by GAC principles can increase certainty of process and outcomes.

Selection criteria	Scoring (example)
Diversity	30
	World Bank Classification of low or lower-middle and upper-middle income economy
	United Nations SID
	United Nations LDC
	Observer/Pre-approved organisation
Experience and special position in the GAC	20
	Vice-Chair position
	Working Group Chair/ Co-Chair position
	GAC contributions and experience
	GAC point of contact of liaison to an ICANN group

2c. Selection Criteria

The selection criteria and scoring should reflect GAC priorities regarding diversity, participation and contributions.

Selection Criteria	Scoring
ICANN Engagement and participation	20
	GAC Lead participant in ICANN working group or cross-community working groups
	Completion of ICANN Learn mandatory courses
GAC Membership priority*	10
	Appointed Representative
	Alternate Representative
	Advisor
	Non GAC Member (exception)
	Location (country or ICANN region of residence to enhance participation)

**one representative per delegation, non GAC Member case by case basis*

2c. Selection Criteria

Selection Criteria	Scoring
ICANN Meetings attendance	10
	Never attended an ICANN Meeting
	Attended 1 meeting over the last 3 meetings
	Attended 2 meetings over the last 3 meetings
	Attended 3 meetings over the last 3 meetings
	Previously canceled travel support past the 45 days deadline
	Did not provide required information to ICANN Travel Support in a timely manner
	Traveler officially confirms attendance to the ICANN Meeting
Regional Balance	10
	GAC representative requesting travel support resides in the represented GAC Member country, territory, or region
	Location of the GAC representative requesting travel support is farther from the ICANN Meeting location

GAC survey

- Comprehension and suggestions of travel support rules
- Seek clarification on certain aspects and processes
- Seek suggestions from GAC Membership on process



4. Next Steps / Proposed Timeline for Implementation

- **ICANN64** Kobe - GAC travel support rules discussion
- Post ICANN64 - Comments from GAC Membership processing (4 to 6 weeks following the meeting)
- **ICANN65** Marrakech - New travel support rules adopted
- **ICANN66** Montreal - Regular selection process
- **ICANN67** Cancún - Implementation of updated selection process



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