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Next Steps for the GAC & New gTLDs Subsequent Rounds

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ICANN65 GAC Plenary Meeting - Agenda Item 15.1

GAC Discussion on New gTLD Policy

- **New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures PDP Discussion** - Agenda Item 4.1 (this session)

- **GAC Focal Group on Subsequent Round of new gTLDs (Tuesday 15:15 - 16:45)**

- **CCT Review** - Agenda Item 11.1 (Thursday 8:30-10:15)

- **Next Steps for GAC on New gTLDs Subsequent Rounds** - Agenda Item 15.1 (this session)

Agenda

1. **Update on First Meeting of the GAC Focal Group** on Subsequent Rounds of new gTLDs in Marrakech

2. **Discussion to Determine Next Steps for the GAC** on new gTLDs Subsequent Rounds

Launch of GAC Focal Group: In Kobe the GAC agreed to initiate a focal group geared towards facilitating internal coordination efforts within the GAC, build capacity, expertise, provide regular updates to the GAC and flag issues of interest in order to ensure timely input into the final deliberations of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP WG.

At this stage, **the GAC Focal Group on new gTLD Subsequent Procedures is not intended to speak on behalf of the GAC; the group will submit input to the GAC for consideration and discussion.** This is a flexible pilot initiative that can be enhanced and changed at anytime if the GAC decides to.

1. **Consideration of ICANN Reviews & Assessments:** the GAC may want to continue to consider the following reviews and assessments:

   a. Whether impact assessment of the new gTLD Program is adequate and is taken into account in the policy development.

   b. Whether CCT Review recommendations identified as prerequisites to future rounds have been considered in a satisfactory manner in the New gTLD Subsequent Procedure PDP WG and per implementation discussions following the ICANN Board's decision (1 March 2018).

2. **Review the Preliminary GAC Scorecard to Prioritize & Guide the Work of the Focal Group:**

- The preliminary GAC scorecard was created as a follow-up action item from Kobe, to help prioritize and guide the work of the GAC Focal Group.

- It is an evergreen DRAFT document that still needs to be reviewed by the GAC.

- It includes a section that attempts to cross-check previous GAC input vis-a-vis the current discussions of the PDP Working Group to get a general sense of how aligned they are with GAC views.

- The Preliminary GAC scorecard attempts to **highlight previous GAC contributions and policy concerns** that the GAC should engage further in ongoing deliberations of the Sub Pro PDP WG.