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First Timers Session

Welcome to Your First GAC Meeting

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Our Goals

- Provide an overview of GAC Public Meetings (Background and Purpose)
- Familiarize You With the GAC Meeting Operations and Logistics
- Prepare You to Participate and Contribute
- Answer Your Questions
- Learn How to Do This Better

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Changing Participation in The GAC

Term	Delegations	New Participants	Participant Departures
ICANN 60 - 61	29	27	18
ICANN 61 - 62	12	22	16
ICANN 62 - 63	16	26	28
ICANN 63 - 64	16	29	18
ICANN 64 - 65	17	24	15
ICANN 65 - 66	37	46	29

*Baseline of 411 GAC participants from 216 delegations of Members and Observers (as of October 2019)
*Baseline of 357 GAC participants from 213 delegations of Members and Observers (as of October 2018)

Changing GAC Participation – Notable Numbers

- On average, 25% of GAC delegations report a delegate change or change of information each year (32% this past year)

- Ninety-nine (99) new GAC participants in past 12 months

- Sixty-two (62) GAC participants departed in last 12 months

- Overall increase in GAC participants from 357 (October 2018) to 411 (October 2019)

- Ten percent increase in impacted delegations over last twelve months (and particularly since ICANN65) may be attributable to more proactive staff efforts to collect information

- Staff will watch numbers closely as updated information project and and working group recruitment efforts continue

Our Agenda Today

1. Overview of Expectations For GAC Public Meetings
2. Review of GAC Membership, Leadership and Secretariat Support Meeting Roles
3. ICANN64 Meeting Logistics and Awareness

   a. What to know about an ICANN Meeting

       i. GAC Pre-Meeting preparation (agenda prep and schedule overview)

       ii. GAC's role at ICANN Public Meetings

       iii. GAC Membership Participation in GAC Meeting

           1. Seating

           2. Contributions/Participation

   b. Communique drafting sessions and purpose

4. ICANN66 Questions and Answers

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1. Overview of GAC Public Meetings (1) - Background

- The GAC meets face-to-face three times a year in conjunction with ICANN meetings

- Traditionally, the GAC conducted most of its business at face-to-face meetings

- More recently, the demands for GAC work between face-to-face meetings has grown substantially

- Agenda & Briefs are circulated and posted on-line in advance of the meeting

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1. Overview of GAC Public Meetings (2) - Current

- All GAC meetings are now expected to be open/public (the committee can hold closed meetings if deemed necessary)

- Real-time interpretation in 6 UN languages + Portuguese - Real-time captioning - Remote participation - Recording of the meetings

- The GAC produces a Communiqué at the end of each meeting

- The Communiqué, meeting minutes, transcription and recording of all open meetings are posted online

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1. Overview of GAC Public Meetings (3) – This Week

Six Meeting days – 30 GAC Topic Sessions -- ~ 33 hours

	Saturday 2 November (1)			Sunday 3 November (2)				Monday 4 November (3)		Tuesday 5 November (4)		Wednesday 6 November (5)		Thursday 7 November (6)		
08:30–10:15	GAC ROOM: 517A	GNSO EPDP	7. Updates on current issues (2 character codes) (30 mins)	Community Action Approval Forum			ICANN 66 Welcoming Ceremony (09:00-10:15)		19. WHOIS and Data Protection Policy (30 mins)	27. GAC Human Rights Plenary Discussion (60 mins)	EPDP IRT 1/2	ICANN Board Annual General Meeting	EPDP IRT 2/2		
	0. GAC First Timers Session (75 mins) [516C]		8. New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures PDP Discussion WT5 (75 mins)					20. New gTLDs Subsequent Rounds Discussion (75 mins)	28. ATRT3 Review (45 mins)					
Morning Coffee Break							Morning Coffee Break		Morning Coffee Break	Morning Coffee Break		Morning Coffee Break		
10:15–12:00	1. Opening Plenary, review of ICANN65 action items and overview of sessions (45 mins)	GNSO EPDP	9. Update on current issue (.Amazon) (45 mins)				EPDP Phase 2: Unified Access Model for Non-Public gTLD Registration Data (90 mins)	21. DNS Abuse Mitigation (45 mins)	DNS Abuse (90 mins)		Evolution of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model (90 mins)		
	2. Update on current issue (IGO Protections) (45 mins)		10. WHOIS and Data Protection Policy (45 mins)					22. Meeting of the BGIG (45 mins)					
Lunch Break	Lunch Break (12:00-13:30) (GAC Leadership Meeting [12:15-13:00])		Lunch Break (12:00-13:30) (GAC Leadership Meeting [12:15-13:15])				Lunch Break (12:00-13:30)		Lunch Break (12:00-13:30) (GAC Leadership Meeting [12:15-13:15])	Lunch Break (12:00-13:30) (GAC Leadership Meeting [12:15-13:15])		Lunch Break (12:00-13:30)		
13:30–15:00	3. USR WG Meeting (60 mins)	New gTLDs Sub Pro WT5	GNSO EPDP	11. Preparation for Meeting with the ICANN Board (45 mins)				Public Forum 1 (90 mins)	23. ccNSO onboarding session on ccPDP on Retirement of ccTLDs (45 mins)	29. DNS Abuse Mitigation (45 mins)	30. Potential GAC sessions (90 mins)	GNSO EPDP Wrap Up		
	4. GOPE WG Meeting (60 mins)			12. Auction Proceeds Discussion (45 mins)				24. Meeting with the ALAC (45 mins)	26 (b). ICANN66 Communique drafting (2/4) (45 mins)				
Afternoon Coffee Break	*GAC Afternoon Coffee Break*	Rights Protection Mechanism (RPM) WG	GNSO EPDP	13. Meeting with Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG) (30 mins)				17. GAC Operational Matters (elections, HLGM) (60 mins)	25. Meeting with ICANN Board (60 mins)	26 (c). ICANN66 Communique drafting (3/4)(90 mins)	CCWG Auction Proceeds	Q&A with ICANN Organization Executive Team (90 mins)		
15:00–16:45	5. NomCom WG Meeting (60 mins)			14. Meeting with GNSO (60 mins)				18. ICANN legitimacy report to the GAC (30 mins)	26 (a). ICANN66 Review Point (30 mins)				
Transition Break	6. RSSAC Co-Chairs briefing to the GAC (45 mins)	Rights Protection Mechanism (RPM) WG	GNSO EPDP	15. Universal Acceptance (45 mins)	Rights Protection Mechanism (RPM) WG	GNSO EPDP	GNSO New gTLDs Sub Pro	GNSO EPDP	26 (a). ICANN66 Review Point and Communique drafting (1/4) (90 mins)	26 (d). ICANN66 Communique drafting (4/4)(90 mins)	CCWG Auction Proceeds	Public Forum 2 (90 mins)		
	Non Plenary GAC Focal Group Meeting on New gTLDs Subsequent Rounds (90 mins) [512G]			16. GAC Communique Review (45 mins)								
18:30–20:00				Reception with Commercial Stakeholder Group (CSG) (90 mins) [PLACEHOLDER replacing 17:00-18:00 slot]				Performance show					ICANN66 Wrap-Up Cocktail		

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2. GAC Roles and Responsibilities: Leadership/Support/ Membership

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Review of GAC Meeting Roles: Leadership (1)

- GAC Chair elected by members (Egypt)

- Up to 5 Vice Chairs elected by members from different regions, to the extent possible (currently Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Niue, Senegal) Next election period begins at end of ICANN65

- [Chair-Vice Chairs (C-VC) are collectively referred to as GAC Leadership](#)

- The term of the Chair is 2 years – max 2 consecutive terms

- The term of a Vice Chair is 1 year – max 2 consecutive terms

- New GAC Vice Chairs will be confirmed here at ICANN66 and start their terms after ICANN67 – Cancun, Mexico

- At the Meeting C-VC generally handles:

  - Agenda Setting

  - Session hosting, moderation and facilitation

  - Meeting Logistics (scheduling and timing)

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Review of GAC Meeting Roles: Leadership (2)

Managing GAC Relationships Within the Broader Community

- Bilateral meetings and activities:
  - ICANN's Board (and BGIG)
  - The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)
  - The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)
  - The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)
  - The Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

- Community-wide activities:
  - GAC Participation in Policy Development Processes (PDPs)
  - GAC participation in cross community efforts (plenary sessions and WGs)
  - GAC Participation in General and Specific Reviews

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Review of GAC Meeting Roles: Support Staff

- Secretariat Support is provided to the GAC by:
  - ICANN GAC Support Staff
- Services of an independent secretariat vendor ended after the Barcelona meeting (1 January 2019)
  - GAC formed a team to explore a new tender and look into funding sustainability
  - C-VC and ICANN org agreed to temporary additional ICANN support to ensure continuity of GAC operations
- For ICANN/GAC Public Meetings staff supports:
  - Travel Support Matters
  - Pre-meeting briefing and documentation
  - Leadership and working group support
  - Logistics (in-room technology, remote participation, captioning)
  - Communiqué scribing and publishing, minutes, notes

Review of GAC Roles: Membership (1)

- GAC membership comprises:
  - 178 governments as members
  - 38 Intergovernmental Organizations as observers
- Members and observers participate equally in all discussions
- At the Meeting:
  - Agenda Input
  - Participation (plenary and working groups)
  - Discussion
  - Engagement
  - Topic contributions

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Review of GAC Roles: Membership (2)

General Principles For GAC Participation

- Adopt **flexible** approach and make changes as necessary
- Have a clear, consistent, predictable and transparent process in taking and **documenting decisions**
- **Engage** in issues with public policy implications
- **Participate in early stages**, with a view to assisting resolution of the issue
- Approach each case on its merits
- Follow ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior

3.   ICANN65 Meeting: Logistics and Participation

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3. Public Meeting Logistics

What to know about an ICANN Public Meeting

- GAC Pre-Meeting preparation
  - Travel support
  - Agenda prep and schedule overview
- GAC's role at ICANN Public Meetings
- GAC Membership Participation in GAC Meeting
  - Attendance (Paper, iPad, QR Scan experiment)
  - Seating
  - Contributions/Participation
- Communiqué drafting – purpose and sessions

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Public Meeting Awareness and Participation

- Meeting is recorded and transcribed. What you say is public.

- Meeting dialogue is "live-scribed" by "captioners"

- Captioners rotate – they don't necessarily remember your voice

- Meeting has live-interpretation in 6 UN languages plus Portuguese (head phones available)

- **Please Identify yourself every time you speak**

- **Please Speak slowly, Speak clearly**

- There are cameras to facilitate remote participation/observation

- Quorum can govern GAC decisions, so please fill out sign-in sheet whenever you get it

- Share, learn, connect!

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Preparation For GAC ICANN66 Montreal Meeting

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Some ICANN66 GAC Topics of Interest:

- Subsequent New gTLD Round Procedures
- DNS Abuse Mitigation
- IGO Protections – Curative Rights
- Geographic Names
- WHOIS and General Data Protection Regulations
- Concerns Regarding Second Level 2-character Country Codes
- ATRT3 Review Effort
- .AMAZON

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4. Questions and Answers