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ICANN65 GAC Plenary Meeting – Session 11

Session Goals

- Background to GAC Members regarding Board-GAC interaction at ICANN Public Meetings

- Review and Confirm GAC Topics, Questions and Statements To ICANN Board

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Background

1. Board-GAC Meetings are an important and regular feature of ICANN Public Meetings

2. Back when GAC meetings were "closed" the Board-GAC meeting was one of the few meetings that the public could witness

3. Even after most GAC sessions have become public, the sessions have remained important regular interaction points to maintain useful GAC connections with the Board and to provide a venue to highlight and emphasize areas that are likely to be in the upcoming GAC Communiqué

4. In recent years, the meeting preparations have achieved more structure. A formal exchange of questions have become expected so that preparations can be made for the meeting dialogue.

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Board-GAC Preliminary Meeting Agenda

Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 5 November, 2019 at 15:15

- Opening Remarks

- Board Questions to GAC Regarding ICANN Strategic Matters

- Dialogue on GAC topics/questions posed to Board

- AOB

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Board Question to the GAC

The ICANN Board Chair has indicated his interest in having a discussion with the GAC about the strategic direction of the organization. In preparation for the meeting, the Board Chair has asked the GAC to share suggestions regarding the following three initiatives:

- The draft Strategic Plan 2021-2025;
- The first consultation paper on a 2-Year budgeting process; and
- The draft FY21-25 Operating Plan & Financial Projections that are expected to be published later this year.

GAC Questions to the Board (3 Current Topics)

Proposed and circulated draft GAC Topics/Questions for the Board at ICANN66 currently include 3 topic areas:

1. GDPR/WHOIS Matters
2. DNS Abuse Mitigation
3. Policy Implementation and Operational Readiness for a Subsequent Round of new gTLDs - GAC Views of ICANN org Current "Working Assumptions"

ICANN65 GAC Questions to the Board (3 Topics)

TOPIC 1. GDPR/WHOIS Matters -

Regarding this important community topic, GAC members will share with the Board:
- *GAC expectations for concluding the EPDP Phase 2 effort in a timely manner;*
- *GAC support for ICANN seeking greater clarity and guidance from European Data Protection Authorities; and*
- *GAC support for ICANN to express the expectation that a process for developing and implementing an access/disclosure model be articulated and agreed including an anticipated deadline for completing.*

Potential Additional Bullet:

- *GAC support for ICANN to clearly articulate to the community its ability/willingness to take on responsibilities and liability associated with an access/disclosure model*

ICANN65 GAC Questions to the Board (3 Topics)

TOPIC 2.   DNS Abuse Mitigation -

As it sets out to implement new strategic objectives relating to DNS Abuse, can the Board elaborate on the operational steps it intends to take to:

1. promote "a coordinated approach to effectively identify and mitigate DNS security threats and combat DNS abuse"? and

2. maintain itself as a "source of unbiased, reliable, and factual information on DNS health"? In particularly does ICANN intend to take steps to:

a.   increase transparency about actors responsible for systemic abuse (especially in connection with DAAR and ICANN Compliance complaints and dispositions)?; and
b.   convene relevant stakeholders for discussions on new contractual provisions in ICANN's contracts, consistent with the relevant CCT Review Recommendations?

TOPIC 3.   Policy Implementation and Operational Readiness for a Subsequent Round of new gTLDs - GAC Views of ICANN org Current "Working Assumptions" –

Can the ICANN Board report on the Community's reception of ICANN org's assumption and how it intends to keep ICANN org's preparation work aligned with ongoing policy development and implementation of reviews recommendation, in light of applicable GAC Advice?

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