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ICANN66 GAC Meeting – Session 17

Agenda

◉ Confirm GAC-Board Topic 3

◉ GAC Vice Chair Election Announcement

◉ Planning for the Next GAC High Level Governmental Meeting

◉ GAC Empowered Community Guidelines Review

◉ GAC Advice/Board Response Assessment/Advice Tracking Process

◉ GAC Record Keeping - including GAC Delegation Information; Working Group/Delegation Alignment; and In-Person Meeting Attendance

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TOPIC 3.   Addressing the recommendations of the CCT review, and other relevant reviews, before proceeding with a Subsequent Round of new gTLDs

In the ICANN63 Kobe Communiqué, the GAC recalled its previous advice regarding subsequent rounds of new gTLDS from the ICANN56 Helsinki Communiqué, which stated that the development of policy on further releases of new gTLDs needed to fully consider all the results of the relevant reviews and analyses to determine which aspects and elements need adjustment. The GAC advised the Board to address and consider the results and concerns of these reviews before proceeding with new rounds.

◉ To what extent does the Board think the recommendations of the CCT Review and other relevant reviews have been addressed?

◉ When does the Board anticipate that these recommendations will be implemented?

◉ And how will this timing impact the timing for any subsequent new gTLD rounds?

◉ What can the Board do to help ensure that the CCT Review recommendations aimed at other parts of the community are implemented?

* Confirm Text and presenter

GAC Vice Chair Elections

◉ Election Balloting period ended 23:59 UTC on Sunday 3 November

◉ Seven (7) candidates for 5 seats
  - Abdulla Jassmi (Qatar)
  - Olga Cavalli (Argentina)
  - Pua Hunter (Cook Islands)
  - Guiguemde Jacques Rodrigue Ragnimpinda (Burkina Faso)
  - Guo Feng (China)
  - Luisa Paez (Canada)
  - Jorge Cancio (Switzerland)

◉ Thank you to all the candidates for your willingness to serve

◉ Quorum requirements of GAC Operating Principle have been met (over 100 ballots submitted and recorded) and Electronic (Tally system) Election/Voting system worked reliably

◉ No ties that would prohibit identifying the candidates with the five highest vote counts - (paper balloting not needed)

GAC Vice Chair Election Results

- Based on the votes cast, the elected 2020 GAC Vice Chairs will be:

    - Olga Cavalli (Argentina)(second consecutive)

    - Luisa Paez (Canada)(second consecutive term)

    - Pua Hunter (Cook Islands)

    - Guiguemde Jacques Rodrigue Ragnimpinda (Burkina Faso)

    - Jorge Cancio (Switzerland)

- Official one-year vice chair terms start <u>after</u> ICANN67 and go until end of ICANN70

- New vice chairs will be invited to attend upcoming leadership calls (after Montreal) to assist in onboarding and transition for new vice chairs

- Thank you to all the candidates and voters

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Next GAC High Level Governmental Meeting

⦿ Approximately once every two years one of the GAC Members hosts a High Level Governmental Meeting (HLGM) in conjunction with an ICANN meeting and in addition to the usual GAC meeting.

⦿ The concept grew out of recommendations made by previous Accountability and Transparency Review Teams (ATRT1 and ATRT2)

⦿ Previous HLGM's have taken place in Toronto (ICANN45), London (ICANN50), Marrakesh (ICANN55) and Barcelona (ICANN63).

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The HLGM provides four major opportunities. To:

- **Reaffirm the critical role that governments play** in providing advice to the ICANN Board on public-policy issues as it relates to the secure and stable functioning of the Domain Name System.

- **Enable all parties to gain a clearer understanding** of the role of governments in ICANN processes, including the GAC.

- **Discuss current public policy issues and challenges at very senior level.** These discussions can occur between government and government, as well as between governments and the ICANN leadership group.

- **Expose very senior administrative officials and senior elected officials** (Ministers, members of legislative bodies) **to ICANN**, allowing them to gain a greater understanding of the organization and the issues it deals with. In turn, this may lead to better support for and resourcing of GAC representatives within their home administrations.

- **Reach out** to administrations and governments who are not yet, or not currently, represented on the GAC or in other ICANN forums.

Next GAC High Level Governmental Meeting

◉ No decision has yet been made about the next HLGM (timetable or location)

◉ Candidates typically come forward on their own

◉ Because the ICANN org has now gotten two years ahead on meeting locations, this potentially limits the options, because meeting locations are already decided (for 2020 and 2021).

◉ Input from GAC members on options and next steps is most welcomed

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- GAC Empowered Community Guidelines established two years ago (November 2017)

- Experiences are beginning to identify potential areas for improvement

- Examples of updates could include:
    - Rejection process timetable (very tight)
    - Determination and identification of ECA designee for GAC

- Staff and leadership have begun research efforts to develop suggestions

- Timetable for next steps - recommendation by ICANN67

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Empowered Community Action – "FBA"

◉ As a Decisional Participant on the Empowered Community (EC), the GAC has an opportunity to express a specific view on the approved Fundamental Bylaws Amendment (FBA) affecting the composition of the IANA Naming Function Review Team (INF-RT)(see https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2019-09-08-en - 1.e [icann.org]).

◉ In April 2019, the ccNSO Council requested the amendment as a solution to difficulties the ccNSO has had and expects to have in the future in locating a non-ccNSO ccTLD representative to serve on the INF-RT as required by Section 18.7(b) of the ICANN Bylaws. Board approved on 8 September 2019.

◉ Leading Up to ICANN66, the GAC Chair was asked by the ccNSO if the GAC intends to express approval for the FBA – as it can do as an EC Decisional Participant.

◉ Final approval of an FBA requires support from three or more Decisional Participants and objections by no more than one Decisional Participant.

◉ The GAC Leadership discussed the matter and, in preparation for ICANN66, and consistent with GAC guideline section 3(c) ("views actively sought") asked staff to seek indication of potential support from GAC members for GAC approval of the FBA.

Empowered Community Action – "FBA"

◉ Indications of support for approval by GAC were expressed on the GAC email list (Denmark, Somalia and Switzerland)

◉ Community Forum about FBA conducted here in Montreal. Attended by the GAC Chair. Support was expressed by community members at the forum and the ccNSO and ALAC have also indicated their support

◉ GAC has 21 days to provide feedback

◉ Look for leadership email asking "Support, Object, or Abstain"

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GAC Assessment of Board Feedback

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- ◉ Since ICANN60, ICANN org has been tracking the Board's review, consideration and actions regarding GAC Advice.

- ◉ Board recently modified delivery of tracking reports regarding GAC advice (September 2019)

- ◉ Board Scorecard releases will now be accompanied by release of latest tracking data

- ◉ This change provides an opportunity for the GAC to identify specific process/mechanisms for assessing satisfaction with Board responses (e.g., Kobe advice regarding consideration of reviews in context of next round of new gTLDs)

- ◉ Potential to tie assessment to ICANN meetings or intersessional period prior to meeting to facilitate more effective feedback to the Board

- ◉ Staff developing recommendations to be considered by GAC

- ◉ Timetable – Potentially for Montreal scorecard, but certainly for ICANN67 Cancun scorecard.

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GAC Record Keeping

- GAC Delegation Information – Updates are very important as they impact access to email list and web site and other committee functions

- Leadership has approved Working Group/Delegation Alignment to improve record keeping

- In-Person Meeting Attendance Evolution underway, from pen and paper to other means (driven by effectiveness, efficiency and new privacy laws)

- Implications for GAC Operating Principles (to be potentially considered)