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GAC Opening Plenary
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Governmental Advisory Committee

ICANN66 GAC Plenary Meeting – Session  #1
Session Goals

- GAC Chair Welcome
- Welcome from GAC Host Country
- Tour de Table – GAC Representative Introductions
- GAC Chair Remarks
  - Overview of the Week
  - ICANN66 Update – Ongoing Activities and Other GAC work efforts
Welcome From Host Country
Tour de Table
GAC Chair Remarks
GAC Chair Overview of the Week

- As usual, several time sensitive and strategic matters for GAC members to discuss this week

  ~ 33 Hours of sessions – at least one plenary session every day this week (through Wed)

- Continued experimentation with attendance (QR Scanning on Wednesday morning)

- Welcome to first-time meeting participants
1. Annual General Meeting ("AGM") Format

- Longer stay (compared to Marrakech meeting)
- More meeting attendees (marginally greater numbers)
- Leveraging of cross community topics - you’ll see several GAC and cross community working group meetings on the agenda
- The GAC has even taken on a cross-community topic could not be accommodated by the community leadership – “Human Rights as an ICANN Core Value” – that will be hosted by the GAC on Wednesday.
2. Substantive topics of particular government and GAC strategic interest here in Montreal:

- Preparing for potential next round of new gTLDs (Subsequent Procedures Focal Group)
- DNS Abuse Mitigation (both GAC and community sessions)
- IGO Access to Curative Rights Protections
- ATRT3 Review of the GAC
- Two Character Country Codes Registration Monitoring Tool Feedback
- .AMAZON application developments
- Universal Acceptance and potential for a new GAC working group
3. GAC Operational Matter developments

• New process for GAC consideration of potential public comment opportunities (ongoing)

• Expectation for further GAC work to update internal Empowered Community processes (research phase)

• Expectation for further GAC work to establish a regular GAC review of Board scorecard responses to Communique advice (research phase)

• Record keeping and attendance innovations (ongoing)
4. Working Groups Evolution

- Working Groups (WG) offer means for GAC to conduct “intersessional” work
- WG membership has been increasing
- New WG guidelines being developed by GAC Operating Principles Evolution Working Group coming to a close here in Montreal and shortly afterwards
- Several WG Sessions this week
- If you are new, perfect time to get involved and contribute
- If you are a GAC veteran and have not been able to participate to date, please consider lending your knowledge and expertise
5. Third Accountability and Transparency Review Effort (ATRT3)

- Previous ATRT efforts impacted the GAC significantly
- GAC Leadership embraced the ATRT3 process – offering cooperation and information.
- GAC responses have been shared with the ATRT3
  - Community Structures Survey
  - Specific Written replies to Marrakech questions
- Thanks to those who have already volunteered to offer assistance and who have contributed to GAC informational responses.
- Original ATRT3 targeted ICANN66 for first draft of a final report – now December
- GAC Plenary session on Wednesday morning for update.
6. GAC Vice Chair Elections

- All 5 Vice Chair sheets open. Seven talented candidates.
- Electronic Election closes Sunday evening

7. Report on Friday SO-AC Chairs Meeting in Montreal

- Notable priorities from other SOs and ACs
- Other agenda items that merit info sharing
8. Bilateral Meeting Between GAC and other Groups

- ICANN Board
- Board/GAC Interaction Group
- At Large Advisory Committee
- Country Code Names Supporting Organization
- Generic Names Supporting Organization
- Root Server System Advisory Committee
- New gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group
9. HLGM Planning

• Next meeting targeted for the 2020/2021 time frame.

• Please consult meeting schedule and express interest in hosting or sharing views about good location and timing for next HLGM
10. Other Notable Matters

- NomCom Dialogue (GAC delegate issue and GAC input invitation to review recommendations implementation)
- Evolution of ICANN’s Multi-Stakeholder Model
- ICANN Board interest in getting GAC input on ICANN strategic efforts
- Capacity Building within the GAC – Recent Bahrain workshop and planning for three more workshops before end of June 2020
- Opportunity to Target Additional Activities through ICANN org FY21 Additional Budget Request process – requests due late January 2020