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Agenda

- A. Hot Topics (GAC Leadership)
- B. Operational Matters - GAC Support Staff
- C. ICANN67 Lesson Learned - GAC Leadership



A. Hot Topics

- Report on WRC-19 (Iran)
- **New gTLD Subsequent Rounds/Procedures Wrap-Up**
 - **Next Steps Slide**
 - **Potential GAC SubPro Webinar**
- Other Post - ICANN67 Topics/Activities Issue “Spotting”
 - Specific Events
 - Topics and Concepts for GAC Follow-Up Discussions



GAC Next Steps - New gTLDs Sub Pro (as agreed in Communique)

- **Intersessional Work:** GAC Leadership and its current “topic leads” on Subsequent Rounds of new gTLDs will coordinate intersessional work on the high-interest topics identified in the GAC Scorecard.
- **The aim is to:**
 - Coordinate potential GAC input to the GNSO Subsequent Procedures PDP WG current draft recommendations
 - Prepare for ICANN68
 - Work intersessionally to potentially review/update previous GAC views to submit, only if consensus, to the Final Report of the public comment proceeding for July 2020.
- **Interested GAC Members are encouraged to approach GAC topic leads in order to co-lead/contribute on any of the Subsequent Procedures key issues.**



Proposed 1st Work Item by GAC Leadership

Written Consultation Amongst GAC Membership Following Weeks:

- Seek GAC Members' views on the draft recommendations currently discussed by the PDP Sub Pro with a focus on the 5 high-interest topics identified so far: 1) Closed Generics, 2) GAC Advice and GAC Early Warnings, 3) Public Commitments (PICs), 4) Applicant Support Program and 5) Community Applications
- Aiming at a compilation of GAC Members' views as first step in identifying common ground and serve as preliminary input to SubPro WG

Two Important Notices/Caveats for the Proposed Consultation:

- Disclaimer advising GAC Members that their input will be shared with the GNSO WG SubPro, unless they do not wish so.
- Clearly state that input will be just a compilation of views from individual GAC Members and do not represent a GAC consensus position, when sharing with the PDP SUB Pro WG.

GAC Comments, questions, or suggestions on proposed next steps?

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Specific Events:

- ICANN Strategic Trends Exercise (MSSI) Conference Call (late March)
- Universal Acceptance and IDNs:
 - UASG Update Webinar (mid-late April)
 - GAC Endorsement of UA-IDN WG Terms of Reference (March)

Topics and Concepts for GAC follow-up discussions:

- Definition of Public Interest or Global Public Interest for GAC and/or ICANN
- ATRT3 Final Report (April/May)
- Nominating Committee Review Implementation - GAC Allocated Seat



B. Operational Topics

1. GAC Website Improvements
2. GAC Membership Record Keeping
3. GAC Consideration of ICANN org Budget and Operational Matters (Role Expectations)
4. GAC Empowered Community Guidelines



Operational Topics

1. GAC Website Improvements

- The latest version of the GAC website has been operational since 2018
- Recent progress on the ICANN Information Transparency Initiative (ITI) Project has prompted the ICANN Engineering and IT team to begin planning accessibility and mobility design improvements to a number of community websites - including the GAC website.
- As a result of this work, in 2020 GAC members are likely to see a number of visual design improvements that are intended to offer:
 - A cleaner look and feel to the website;
 - Consistency with future new ICANN.org design elements; and
 - Improved membership delegation layout and participant “cards”
- The ICANN E&IT team is just beginning to develop new GAC homepage mock-ups and a quality assurance test bed to effect these improvements.
- The GAC Support staff will share further information about these changes including design examples, as they become available.



Operational Topics

2. GAC Membership Record Keeping

- The GAC Support staff continues to pursue membership record keeping improvements
- ICANN org itself moves much of its participation records to a more centralized customer relations management (CRM) infrastructure.
- Consistently managed membership records across ICANN communities
- reinforce compliance with emerging privacy laws and regulations
- prepare the GAC for implementation of the Workstream 2 Accountability regime.
- Staff has completed a review of the GAC working group rosters and has identified a number of questions that will require clarification from the GAC membership to ensure the ultimate success of the effort. (Key - relationship between WG membership and GAC delegation)
- Operating Principles Working Group may be asked to help
- Attendance taking experiments to continue



3. GAC Consideration of ICANN org Budget and Operational Matters

- GAC continues to find its opinions sought on operational and budget matters and on the strategic direction of the organization.
- Recently, GAC has submitted input on these matters in a targeted manner on topics of particular interest to governments participating in ICANN.
- Most recently, the GAC submitted comments regarding ICANN's Draft FY21-25 Operating & Financial Plan and Draft FY21 Operating Plan and Budget. In those comments the GAC asked for permanent and reliable budget resources to be set aside to assure constant support of the GAC's Capacity Building Workshop Program
- Future Consideration GAC members views on the appropriate role the GAC should play in these types of ICANN strategic and budgeting matters.



Operational Topics

4. GAC Empowered Community Guidelines

- As the GAC has now worked the past couple of years as a Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community Administration (ECA), GAC leadership determined that a review of the current GAC Guidelines for participation in the Empowered Community was in order.
- Staff and GAC leadership have identified two areas for potential operational improvements;
 - Defining the process for considering rejection petition submissions; and
 - Creating a process for selecting a GAC appointee to the Empowered Community Administration (ECA)
- After the ICANN67 Cancun public meeting, the GAC will have an opportunity to review and comment on recommendations regarding improvements in these areas and will be ultimately asked to endorse updates to the GAC guidelines.



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