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ICANN70 GAC Opening Plenary

Monday, 22 March 2021

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Opening Plenary Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions - Review Session Agenda
2. Meeting Logistics and Review of Technical Capabilities for ICANN70
3. ICANN70 Week - GAC Block Schedule
4. GAC Work Review (Notable Developments Since ICANN69)
   a. GNSO Policy Development Processes
   b. ccNSO Policy Development Processes
   c. GAC Priority Topics
   d. Administrative Priorities
   e. Intersessional Work
   f. Onboarding and Engagement
   g. Review updated Communique drafting process (pilot for ICANN70)

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ICANN70 - GAC Meeting Logistics and Technical Capabilities

- Zoom Session Infrastructure and Protocols:
  - Before the session
    - Calendar Invites in advance (24-hour link info)
    - Session pages on GAC website for materials
  - During the session
    - "Renaming" as a participant to indicate affiliation
    - Chat Pod protocols (e.g., "questions" and "statement")
    - Interpretation
    - 6 UN Languages
      - (use Zoom system; CRN app as back-up if necessary)
      - (identify yourself and speak slowly)
    - Staff Zoom Roles (e.g., moderator, monitor, tech liaison)
  - After the session
    - Recordings and transcripts on GAC web site

- GAC Informal Sessions
  - Daily Updates
  - Monday Networking Option

UTC+8	UTC	UTC-5	Monday 22 March (1)	Tuesday 23 March (2)	Wednesday 24 March (3)	Thursday 25 March (4)	UTC-5	UTC	UTC+8
21:00	13:00	08:00		GAC Internal - Session Update 12:45-13:15 UTC / 07:45-08:15 Cancun (30 mins)	GAC Internal - Session Update 12:45-13:15 UTC / 07:45-08:15 Cancun (30 mins)	GAC Internal - Session Update 12:45-13:15 UTC / 07:45-08:15 Cancun (30 mins)	08:00	13:00	21:00
21:15	13:15	08:15					08:15	13:15	21:15
21:30	13:30	08:30		*GAC Leadership only meetings (08:15-08:45 Cancun)*			08:30	13:30	21:30
21:45	13:45	08:45					08:45	13:45	21:45
22:00	14:00	09:00	**1. Opening Plenary (60 mins)**	**8. DNS Abuse Mitigation Discussions (1/2) (60 mins)**	**14. Meeting with the GNSO (60 mins)**	**17 (d). GAC ICANN70 Communique Drafting (60 mins)**	09:00	14:00	22:00
22:15	14:15	09:15					09:15	14:15	22:15
22:30	14:30	09:30					09:30	14:30	22:30
22:45	14:45	09:45					09:45	14:45	22:45
23:00	15:00	10:00	**Networking (30 mins) [TBD]**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	10:00	15:00	23:00
23:15	15:15	10:15					10:15	15:15	23:15
23:30	15:30	10:30	**2. Subsequent Rounds of new gTLDs (1/3) (45 mins)**	**9. PSWG Update (30 mins)**	**15. Subsequent Rounds of new gTLDs (3/3) (45 mins)**	**Plenary #2: Registry Voluntary Commitments: Getting it Right (90 mins)**	10:30	15:30	23:30
23:45	15:45	10:45					10:45	15:45	23:45
0:00	16:00	11:00		**10. Subsequent Rounds of new gTLDs (2/3) (60 mins)**	**16. DNS Abuse Mitigation Discussions (2/2) (45 mins)**		11:00	16:00	0:00
0:15	16:15	11:15					11:15	16:15	0:15
0:30	16:30	11:30	**3. HRILWG session on Workstream 2 Implementation (45 mins)**				11:30	16:30	0:30
0:45	16:45	11:45					11:45	16:45	0:45
1:00	17:00	12:00	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Networking (30 mins) [TBD]**	12:00	17:00	1:00
1:15	17:15	12:15					12:15	17:15	1:15
1:30	17:30	12:30	**4. RDS/WHOIS and Data Protection (45 mins)**	**11. GAC Communique pre drafting review (30 mins)**	**17 (a). GAC ICANN70 Communique Drafting (90 mins)**	**18. GAC Wrap Up (90 mins)**	12:30	17:30	1:30
1:45	17:45	12:45					12:45	17:45	1:45
2:00	18:00	13:00		**12. Meeting with the ICANN Board (60 mins)**			13:00	18:00	2:00
2:15	18:15	13:15					13:15	18:15	2:15
2:30	18:30	13:30	**5. Preparation for meeting with the ICANN Board (45 mins)**				13:30	18:30	2:30
2:45	18:45	13:45					13:45	18:45	2:45
3:00	19:00	14:00	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Networking (30 mins) [TBD]**	**Break (30 mins)**	14:00	19:00	3:00
3:15	19:15	14:15					14:15	19:15	3:15
3:30	19:30	14:30	**6. Planning and Finance Updates (45 mins)**				14:30	19:30	3:30
3:45	19:45	14:45		*GAC Open Time (90 mins)*	**17 (b).GAC ICANN70 Communique Drafting (90 mins)**	**Public Forum (90 mins)**	14:45	19:45	3:45
4:00	20:00	15:00					15:00	20:00	4:00
4:15	20:15	15:15					15:15	20:15	4:15
4:30	20:30	15:30	**GAC social (45 mins)**				15:30	20:30	4:30
4:45	20:45	15:45					15:45	20:45	4:45
5:00	21:00	16:00					16:00	21:00	5:00
5:15	21:15	16:15	**Break (30 mins)**	**Networking (30 mins) [TBD]**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	16:15	21:15	5:15
5:30	21:30	16:30					16:30	21:30	5:30
5:45	21:45	16:45	**7. Rights Protection Mechanisms (60 mins)**	**13. Meeting with the ALAC (60 mins)**	**17 (c). GAC ICANN70 Communique Drafting (60 mins)**	**17 (e). GAC ICANN70 Communique Drafting (60 mins) - *If required***	16:45	21:45	5:45
6:00	22:00	17:00					17:00	22:00	6:00
6:15	22:15	17:15					17:15	22:15	6:15
6:30	22:30	17:30					17:30	22:30	6:30

GNSO Policy Development Processes (PDPs)

Wrapping-up (*but still deserving careful attention*):

- New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP (SubPro)
- Review of ALL Rights Protection Mechanisms in all gTLDs

Ongoing:

- EPDP on gTLD Registration Data – EPDP Phase 2A
- IGO Curative Rights Work Track

Upcoming:

- Transfer Policy PDP
- Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) – Track 2

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ccNSO Policy Development Processes (ccPDPs)

- ccPDP3 - This ccNSO effort is developing a Review Mechanism for decisions pertaining to delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs

- ccPDP4 - This effort is reviewing and updating the criteria, procedures and documentation of the process for the selection of IDN ccTLD strings.

- Progress report and updates from ccNSO on both WG efforts on 15 April

- Calendar invites already sent - watch for GAC Calendar Reminders after ICANN70

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GAC Priority Topics (ICANN70)

- Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs (3 sessions)(SubPro)

- RDS/WHOIS and Data Protection (EPDP)

- DNS Abuse Mitigation (2 sessions)

- IGO - Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs)

- Implementation of Workstream 2 - Accountability Recommendations (WS-2)

ICANN70 Meeting - GAC Agenda Topic Highlights

Subsequent Rounds of new gTLDs (SubPro)

- Importance to GAC
  - Determining how and when ICANN conducts the next round of new gTLD applications is a fundamental and high priority for the GAC.
  - The SubPro effort within the GNSO is focused on determining the application rules for the next round of new gTLDs

- Recent Developments:
  - GAC Members actively participated in the recent GNSO SubPro PDP process.
  - 16 Feb. 2021: GAC Chair communicated with the GNSO Council leadership noting that some GAC members believe a number of areas of the final report do not reflect full consideration of GAC input and may result in potential GAC Advice - including:
    - *Clarity and Predictability of Application Process (including costs and benefits of new gTLD rounds);*
    - *Public Interest Commitments;*
    - *DNS Abuse mitigation;*
    - *GAC Early Warnings and GAC Advice;*
    - *Closed Generic TLDs*
    - *Auctions: Mechanisms of Last Resort / Private Resolution of Contention Sets*
  - 1 March: GAC conducted a preparatory webinar earlier this month regarding the SubPro PDP WG Final Report focusing on areas of interest to the GAC and potential interest for future GAC Advice.

- ICANN70 Objectives:
  - GAC thorough discussion on areas of high priority;
  - ICANN70 Board-GAC meeting: GAC members may address specific areas for discussion regarding a number of the high priority topics.

- ICANN70 Sessions: Monday, 22 March 15:30 UTC; Tuesday, 23 March 16:15 UTC; Wednesday, 24 March 15:30 UTC

ICANN70 Meeting - GAC Agenda Topic Highlights

RDS/WHOIS and Data Protection (EPDP)

- Importance to the GAC
  - Public domain registration data is indispensable for attributing content, services and crime
  - WHOIS policies require the balancing of data protection and the protection of the public (cybersecurity, user confidence; consumer trust, protecting consumers and businesses)
  - Efforts to date demonstrate challenges to adequately accommodate both imperatives

- Recent Developments
  - GAC members are engaged in active phases of ICANN's work related to WHOIS compliance with data protection laws: EPDP Phase 1 implementation, Phase 2A Policy Development
  - Substantial GAC Interest in future developments:
    - Operational Design Phase (ODP) to inform consideration of EPDP Phase 2 policy recommendations by the ICANN Board
    - GNSO Scoping Team on gTLD Registration Data Accuracy

- ICANN70 Objectives
  - Determine public policy concern in the recent and ongoing developments
  - Engage relevant parties (ICANN Board and GNSO Council) to resolve pending policy and implementation issues

- ICANN70 GAC Session: Monday 22 March at 17:30 UTC

ICANN70 Meeting - GAC Agenda Topic Highlights

DNS Abuse Mitigation

- Importance to the GAC
  - Threat to consumers, Internet users (personal and commercial) and their trust in the DNS
  - Security Threat to the security, stability and resiliency of DNS infrastructures

- Recent Developments
  - Ongoing Community discussion of the definition of DNS Abuse; its measurement; reporting; the effectiveness of existing contractual provisions, their enforceability and enforcement; and Voluntary measures adopted by industry actors
  - Anticipated publication of an SSAC Report to inform future work
  - Pending Implementation of relevant recommendations (CCT Review, RDS2 Review, SSR2 Review) and pending consideration of important issue such as registration data accuracy.

- ICANN70 Objectives
  - Consider GAC Comments on the SSR2 Review Recommendations
  - Discuss next steps, including concrete proposal to improve policies and contracts
  - Consider public policy implication of DNS over HTTPS (DoH)

- ICANN70 GAC Session
  - DNS Abuse Mitigation 1/2 - Tuesday 23 March 1400 UTC (SSR2, Next Steps)
  - DNS Abuse Mitigation 2/2 - Wednesday 24 March 1600 UTC (DoH)

ICANN70 Meeting - GAC Agenda Topic Highlights

IGO Protections

- Importance to the GAC
  - Legal Rights and legitimate holder of a domain name
  - Effective and enforceable processes to resolve disputes across jurisdictions

- Recent Developments
  - RPM PDP WG delivered Phase1 Final Report (24 Nov 2020) to the GNSO Council
  - GNSO Council approved the RPM Phase 1 Final Report (21 Jan 2021)
  - GNSO Council created a separate Work Track within Phase 2 RPMs PDP WG to review Recommendation 5 of IGO-INGO Curative RPMs PDP WG Final Report
  - ICANN Board formally initiated the Bylaws-triggered Consultation Process on GAC Advice in relation to IGO Protections at the Second Level

- ICANN70 Objectives
  - Discuss the Final Report on Phase 1 of the Review of All RPMs in all gTLDs PDP
  - Discuss upcoming next steps in preparation for Phase 2 of the RPM PDP which is set to review the UDRP

- ICANN70 GAC Session:
  - RPMs - Monday 22 March 2130 UTC

ICANN70 Meeting - GAC Agenda Topic Highlights

Workstream 2 Implementation (WS-2)(HRILWG session)

- Importance to GAC
  - To help achieve and support the IANA transition from the US Government, it was agreed that additional expectations were required regarding the accountability of the ICANN org and communities.
  - All ICANN SOs and ACs are expected to implement recommendations that apply to their operations
- Recent Developments
  - Creation of Tracking Tool
  - Agreement on Implementation Contributors underway
  - Beginning of work by contributors - (40%) progress
- ICANN70 Objectives
  - Update the GAC on committee assessment/implementation progress on WS2 recommendations
  - GAC Discussion led by HRILWG of diversity and human rights recommendations
- ICANN70 Session
  - Monday, 22 March 16:15 UTC

GAC Administrative Priorities

- Operational Design Phase (ODP)
- GAC Advice (recent BGIG discussions)
- GAC Action/Decision Radar
- ICANN Meetings Planning (CEO Roundtables' discussions)

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GAC Administrative Priorities - Operational Design Phase (ODP)

- Concept Introduced to Community Leaders in September/October 2020
- The objective for an additional design phase is to allow the Board to obtain relevant information about any operational and resourcing issues associated with certain policy implementation efforts.
- Operational Design Phase (ODP) is envisioned to take place prior to Board action on GNSO-approved policy recommendations, initiated through a Board request to ICANN org.
- The expectation is that an ODP will likely only be needed for complex, costly or other large-scale implementation efforts.
- Concept Introduced in September 2020 - Community Input at ICANN69 and after (GAC Commented)
- March 2021 Board Chair and CEO Announce that ODP will be applied to:
  - *The recommendations on the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure to Nonpublic Registration Data (SSAD) from the EPDP Phase 2.*
  - *The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process recommendations that were approved by the GNSO Council on 18 February 2021*.
- Evaluation after first two ODPs - GAC to observe closely and give feedback

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GAC Administrative Priorities - GAC Advice (BGIG discussion)

- The Board GAC Interaction Group includes a subset of Board Members and interested GAC Members.
- The BGIG has proven to be an effective venue for discussions to ensure effective Board and GAC collaboration and communication
- BGIG recently developed a streamlined approach for discussion Issues of Importance to the GAC
- Most recently (March 2021) the group is discussing process clarity with respect to Board GAC consultations and how that process can be depicted in detail
- BGIG Membership open to any interested GAC representative

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GAC Action/Decision Radar

- GAC workload continues to grow. It was observed that the GAC Leadership needed a means to effectively track all the requests being made of the committee
- The GAC Action/Decision Radar is a new tool being developed for all GAC members to track existing and anticipated actions requiring GAC attention and decision
- A Draft Action/Decision Radar document has recently been reviewed and is being beta-tested
- It will ultimately be shared with the full GAC for feedback and comments.
- The new tool will better inform GAC Members and Observers to:
  - determine collective GAC priorities;
  - facilitate identifying topics of individual GAC member's interest; and
  - possibly flag policy topics or activities of interest not already on the GAC's radar
- The Radar would be made available online as a live document and with the capability to be regularly produce offline as a PDF

GAC Administrative Priorities - ICANN Meetings Planning

- Community Leadership (SO-AC leaders) meet regularly before ICANN public meetings to review matters of cross-community impact
- Topics of March 2021 SO-AC Chairs Roundtable were heavily weighted toward public meeting issues:
  - Evolution of ICANN Public Meetings
  - Community Prioritization and Planning
  - ICANN Adaptive Management Crisis Team (COVID-19)
- Thank you to GAC Members for input in this area
  - Comments about virtual meetings during ICANN69
  - Post ICANN69 Community survey responses from GAC
  - Written GAC Comments to ICANN org

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GAC Intersessional Work (ICANN69 - 70)

- GAC Comments Review

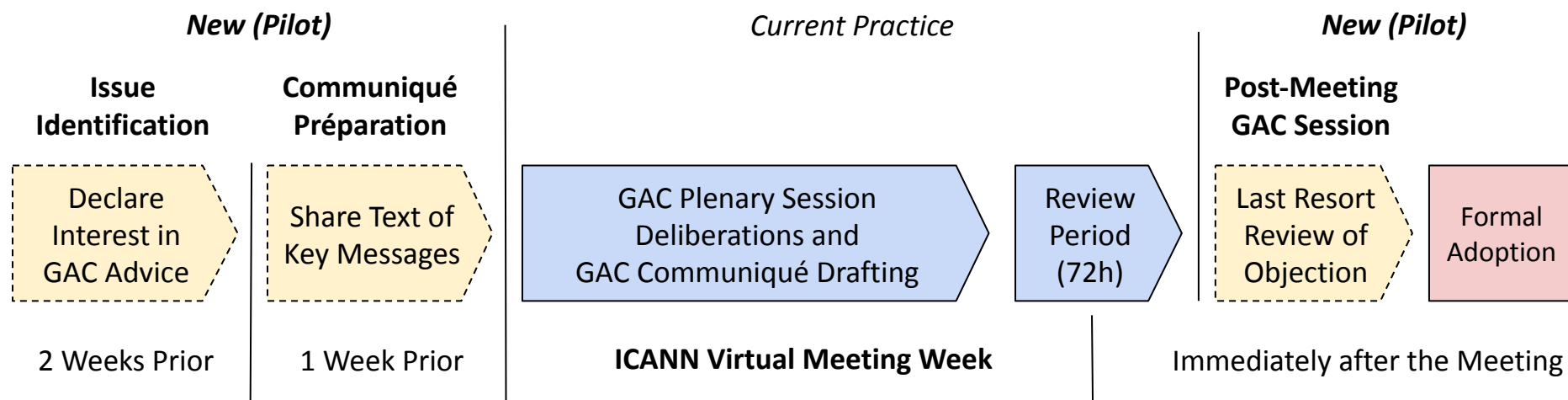- GAC Correspondence Review

- Cross Community Work

Onboarding and Engagement

- Many new faces since ICANN66

- Welcome to new GAC Member -

    <u>St. Vincent and the Grenadines</u>

    - *GAC Representative - Emma Jackson*
    - *Alternate - Roxanne John*

- More emphasis on engagement resources – working with staff to improve onboarding and engagement with new members and info to share with government colleagues. (e.g.'s, GAC-LAC webinar, First-Timers virtual session, planning for monthly welcome webinar)

Review Updated Communique Drafting Process for ICANN70

- The GAC Leadership circulated a [Discussion Paper](#) (17 Feb.) following the recent [ICANN70 GAC Agenda Setting Call](#) (10 Feb.)

- Purpose:
  - Consider the need and possible ways to develop GAC Consensus Advice in a remote ICANN meeting environment - as a pilot during ICANN70

- Issue:
  - Since ICANN67, the GAC has not developed GAC Communiqué Advice.
  - Some GAC Members have expressed concern that the virtual environment may impede participation for some GAC Members and Observers
  - Some GAC Members believe the GAC still needs to consider and provide Advice in relation to important developments and policies being considered at ICANN

- Adapted Process:
  - During virtual ICANN meetings, the GAC Communiqué becomes formally adopted at the end of a new 72-hour Review Period, provided no objections are raised (in which case the affected text would be deleted).
  - Some GAC participants have expressed concerns with this current objection practice as it could potentially lead to loss of carefully considered views

Potential Proposals for GAC Advice Development

New (Pilot)   *Current Practice*   *New (Pilot)*

Issue Identification	Communiqué Préparation				Post-Meeting GAC Session	
Declare Interest in GAC Advice	Share Text of Key Messages	GAC Plenary Session Deliberations and GAC Communiqué Drafting		Review Period (72h)	Last Resort Review of Objection	Formal Adoption
2 Weeks Prior	1 Week Prior	**ICANN Virtual Meeting Week**			Immediately after the Meeting	

- The pre-ICANN meeting **Issue identification** and **Communiqué Preparation** phases would be **optional** and **not preclude** such efforts during the meeting. They would **facilitate discussions during Communiqué drafting** and are particularly desirable for issues that can be identified in advance of a meeting to give GAC members more time to consider them.

- The **Post-Meeting GAC Session** only to be held in exceptional cases only when there is a formal objection.

ICANN70 Communiqué Collaborative Drafting

1. Make sure you are in "suggesting" mode (should be by default)

2. Propose you text where appropriate

3. Identify Author (GAC Representation or Group of drafters)

4. Don't forget to hit "Reply" otherwise your edits will not be identified