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# ICANN71 - GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board

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Session #10

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# Board-GAC Preliminary Meeting Agenda

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## A. Introductions

## B. Discussion of Identified Topic Areas

- Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs
- DNS Abuse
- CCT and SSR2 Recommendations
- Registration Data/WHOIS/GDPR Matters
- ICANN Return to In-Person Meetings

## C. AOB



# Topic - Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs

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- GAC Chair and Topic Leads to Introduce
- Overview Comments from ICANN CEO
- *Questions or Potential Discussion* – Overarching/General discussion of expectations for the next round of new gTLDs and noting recent community comments (Including GAC on 1 June) regarding the latest GNSO “outputs”.
  - The GAC supports the multistakeholder process, and does not object to the introduction of new gTLDs and does not intend nor wish to unnecessarily delay the process to prepare for a future round of new domain names.
  - “The GAC asks the Board to ensure that all the necessary steps and reviews take place before a new round of gTLDs, inter alia, the CCT-RT review and SSR2 recommendations ...” and SSAC 114.
  - The GAC is looking forward to receiving an “*objective and independent analysis of costs and benefits [...], drawing on experience with and outcomes from the*” 2012 round of new gTLDs. This would allow the GAC to offer further advice ahead of a launch of a new round of gTLDs.
  - GAC Chair alerted Board to the GAC comments in 4 June letter

# Topic - DNS Abuse

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- GAC Chair and Topic Leads to Introduce
- *Question or Potential Discussion* - During ICANN71, the GAC is expected to seek an update on any further developments from the ICANN Board on the next steps it expects are needed to address the issue(s) in this area.
  - In addition to previous reference to “overarching comments” in the GAC’s 1 June Public Comments:
  - The GAC continues to harbour serious concerns regarding the absence of policy recommendations on DNS Abuse Mitigation in the SubPro PDP WG Final Report, and notes that the WG deemed that such future effort should be holistic and must apply to both existing and new gTLDs.
  - The GAC expects swift action from the GNSO Council in triggering an holistic effort toward DNS Abuse.
  - GAC considers that DNS abuse needs to be addressed and sees value in the SSAC’s comment on SubPro that:  
*“waiting until efforts to mitigate DNS abuse can be equally applied to all existing and new gTLDs, effectively cedes the ground to malicious actors who can depend upon a long policy development process to hinder meaningful anti-abuse measures.”*

# Topic - Review Recommendations Follow-Up

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GAC Chair and Topic Leads to Introduce

## [CCT Review Recommendations](#)

*Question or Potential Discussion* – The GAC will seek an update from the Board on the development of a “tracker document” to report/assess follow-up on relevant CCT Review recommendations (as referenced in the GAC Communique from ICANN70)

## [SSR2 Recommendations](#)

*Question or Potential Discussion* - An update from the Board on how the SSR2 recommendations are being considered or might be addressed going forward

# Topic - Registration Data/WHOIS/GDPR Matters

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- GAC Chair and Topic Leads to Introduce
- The Timeline for SSAD Implementation  
*Question or Potential Discussion* - GAC Members could ask specifically about the status of the SSAD ODP in light of the 25 March Board decision on this matter.
- Distinction between Legal vs. Natural Persons in gTLD Registration Data (EPDP Phase 2A) and Accuracy of gTLD Registration Data (Expected GNSO Scoping Team)

The GAC has noted the initial report of the EPDP phase 2A contains no recommendation to change policy. The GAC will follow up on these issues and any changes after public comment ends with a view of having policies that balance data protection and other public policy interests within ICANN. With regards to Accuracy the GAC has offered to support the GNSO council in its scoping of a PDP.

# Topic - ICANN Return to In-Person Meetings

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- GAC Chair to Introduce
- *Question or Potential Discussion* – Discuss ideas and efforts to ensure diverse and active participation at ICANN Public Meetings as the organization returns to physical meetings.



