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ICANN71 - Discussion of Future GAC Meetings

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Session #7

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Session Goals (GAC Chair)

As discussions continue about return to F2F meetings, goal today is to inspire and collect feedback from GAC delegates to ensure that GAC meeting will continue to be “fit-for-purpose” for governmental involvement in ICANN work



Session Agenda (GAC Chair)

- I. Overview
- II. Considerations Regarding Transition/Hybrid Meeting Approach
- III. Considerations for Future Steady-state for GAC Meetings



Overview (GAC Chair)

- Since ICANN67, GAC has maintained full “virtual” meeting agendas
- GAC members have regularly discussed meeting challenges and improvements (e.g., individual session critiques)
- ICANN remote support tools have improved (e.g., real-time interpretation now integrated into Zoom platform)
- Committee has maintained regular cadence of GAC work efforts throughout the pandemic period.
- Recent community discussions have turned to a possible two-step return to F2F meetings.
- Process contemplates initial “hybrid” effort and then full F2F meetings with some changes based on community pandemic experiences.
- ICANN Survey of past meeting attendees just completed
- Opportunity to hear some preliminary survey results from ICANN meeting Staff
- Upcoming Thursday community session on the overall ICANN public meeting topic

II. Transition/Hybrid Meeting Approach

1. Review of Recent ICANN survey results by ICANN org staff
2. GAC Members Note and Discuss particular areas of relevant interest prompted by survey summary
3. Potential key concerns questions or discussion points:
 - a. Some community members support a meeting if “critical mass” of community attendance can be achieved. How is critical mass measured?
 - b. Can geographic diversity be achieved/measured to the satisfaction of the GAC?
 - c. Can the GAC conduct an effective meeting in a hybrid environment?
 - d. How is GAC quorum determined in a hybrid environment?
 - e. With the effectiveness of current remote participation tools, does GAC quorum measurement change in a hybrid environment?
 - f. Considerations for GAC Advice development – what is practical, fair and appropriate level of participation from GAC Members attending in both F2F and remote modes during a “hybrid” meeting?
 - g. Would/could that change when full F2F public meetings return?

III. Future Steady-state for GAC Meetings

1. Has the virtual experience during the COVID-19 pandemic fundamentally changed GAC views about meetings or are reps looking forward to return to F2F environment?
2. Some of the questions asked in this part of the session could apply to either the hybrid environment or the future F2F environment.
3. Potential key concerns questions or discussion points:
 - a. How to measure GAC consensus? – e.g., in F2F vs Remote meeting environments (any difference?)
 - b. What lessons-learned have been experienced by the GAC that can enhance the GAC experience in future F2F meetings?
 - c. What new tools can be maintained and further improved upon?
 - d. Does remote environment change GAC member attitudes about need for F2F meetings?
 - e. Any particular logistics to consider as GAC representatives return to a F2F environment?
 - f. Support for continued use of ICANN connectivity assistance program?
 - g. Are there any remote/virtual tools that have not yet been explored, that GAC Members would like to see? (noted interest in wonder.me being considered by ICANN org)

Closing / Next Steps

ICANN71 Evaluation During GAC Wrap-Up Session

Thursday 17 June at 1230 UTC

ICANN Org & Community Discussion on The Future of ICANN Public Meetings

Thursday 17 June at 1430 UTC

Further SO-AC Chair/Community Discussions *after ICANN71*

