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ICANN73 GAC Meeting with the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

Thursday 10 March 2022
Agenda

1. **Introduction** Manal Ismail (GAC) and Maureen Hilyard (ALAC)

2. **Public Interest Processes** Marita Moll (ALAC) and Velimira Grau (GAC)

3. **Universal Acceptance and Internationalized Domain Names (UA/IDNs)**
   Satish Babu (ALAC) and Nigel Hickson (GAC)

   Alan Greenberg (ALAC) and Laureen Kapin (GAC)

5. **ALAC and GAC Coordination at the National Level**
   Yrjö Lansipuro (ALAC) and Shi Young Chang (GAC)

6. **Q&A**
   Moderated by Joanna Kulesza (ALAC liaison) and Shi Young Chang (GAC Point of Contact)

7. **Summary**
   Joanna Kulesza (ALAC liaison) and Shi Young Chang (GAC Point of Contact)
Public Interest Processes

● ALAC Talking Points
  ○ The GPIF is a pilot which is under consideration as a lense through which the Board and Community could situate recommendations and positions
  ○ It is based on and bounded by ICANN's Articles of Incorporation and By-laws
  ○ End user interests, as they are reflected in these governing documents, must be honoured

● GAC Talking Points/Questions
  ○ how to ensure that the GPI Framework is effectively addressed?
ALAC Questions/Talking Points (1/2)

1. There is clear and significant alignment of interests between GAC and ALAC *vis-à-vis* Universal Acceptance and Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)

2. There are numerous benefits of closing the UA gap

3. While UA Readiness has been improving steadily, there are still important gaps, and closing them must be a priority for all

4. ALAC has been taking up UA-related activities through our Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs) bringing together end-users and technical resources

5. This year, we are taking up an ALAC-level activity, of identifying end-user perspectives on UA for the Hindi language community through a survey
Universal Acceptance and Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)

ALAC Questions/Talking Points (2/2)

6. UA and IDNs go hand-in-hand, and we need to ensure robust policies that will provide safe and consistent end-user experience

7. Towards this, ALAC is actively engaged in policy development through the GNSO EPDP on IDNs

8. ALAC would be keen to explore collaboration with GAC in the ongoing work of Universal Acceptance and IDNs
GAC Questions/Talking Points

1. Reflections from the ICANN Session on Universal Acceptance earlier in week

2. Why governments need to do so much more
System for Standardized Access Disclosure (SSAD)

ALAC Questions/Talking Points

- Strong correlation between ALAC and GAC positions

- On review of the Operational Design Analysis (ODA)
  
  - The financial analysis is very obfuscating (a great English word meaning obscure, unclear, unintelligible, bewildering!). The bottom line is that the actual cost (excluding services that people will pay for) is not high.

  - The SSAD report allowed ICANN to fully subsidize the development costs and part of the operational costs and the ODA team ignored both.

  - The SSAD report allowed requesters to provide assurances of how they would use data and why they are requesting it, both potentially useful in approving requests, and the ODA team did not allow for these.

- Even with the above issues corrected, the SSAD will take too long to deploy, will not provide sufficient value, and will not be able to keep up with new regulations, so it should not be built.
Frameworks for GAC – ALAC/At-Large cooperation at national level

ALAC Talking Points

● National multistakeholder bodies
● National and regional IGF’s
● Leveraging expertise available at ALS’es
Frameworks for GAC – ALAC/At-Large cooperation at national level

GAC Questions/Talking Points

- Are there any good practices of enhancing multi-stakeholderism through public-private partnership at national level (e.g. Revision of Act in RoK)?
- What are the difficulties/challenges for making collaborative efforts in Policy-making Process among various stakeholders at national level?
- How can we improve cooperation among various stakeholders at national level? Are there any recommendations?
Questions and Answers