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ICANN75 - GAC Preparation for Meeting with the ICANN Board and Working Group Updates

Monday, 19 September 2022
Session # 2

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Session Goals (GAC Chair)

- Background to GAC Members regarding GAC Bilateral Meetings with Board at ICANN Public Meetings

- Review and Confirm or Revise GAC Topics, Questions and Messages to ICANN Board

Background (GAC Chair)

1. GAC Bilateral Meetings with other community groups are an important and regular feature of ICANN Public Meetings.

2. During the last two years, these bilateral meetings have remained important regular interaction points to preserve and expand useful GAC connections with the Board and others. They can also provide useful venues to highlight and emphasize areas that are likely to be in the GAC Communiqué.

3. Recently, the GAC has employed a targeted "topical/Q&A" agenda approach for these meetings which necessitates focused GAC preparation, discussion and coordination prior to the individual sessions.

4. This session is an opportunity to confirm the topics previously shared with the ICANN Board in preparation for this week's meeting.

Board - GAC Preliminary Meeting Agenda

Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 20 September at 0700 UTC (1500 local KL time)

1. Introductions

2. Discussion of Board Topic/Question

3. Discussion of GAC Topics/Questions

4. AOB

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GAC - Board Meeting Preparations - Board Question

For ICANN75, the ICANN Board Chair has proposed a single topical question for GAC consideration that would cover the first half of the joint meeting at ICANN75. That question is:

> *"What collaborative actions should the Community, Board and Org be undertaking to further progress achieving our strategic priorities?"*

Similar questions have been asked before and the GAC Support staff has referred to previous GAC statement to craft a potential response outline that can be expanded upon by GAC Members.

GAC - Board Meeting Preparations - Response to Board (1/3)

1. As GAC members have previously stated, the ICANN community should prioritize the three "Priority Work Areas" identified in the 4 June 2020 paper entitled "Enhancing the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model – Next Steps" as:

   i. Prioritization of Work and Efficient Use of Resources
   ii. Precision in Scoping the Work
   iii. Consensus, Representation, and Inclusivity

   Improvements in these areas will enable ICANN's inclusive and representative multi stakeholder model to achieve timely and effective outcomes that serve the public interest. The GAC received an update from ICANN org staff on this important work this past weekend (17 September) and supports the continuation of the various ICANN org efforts underway or starting soon.

2. In the short-term ICANN org staff could (mindful of other community obligations) consider conducting a community call at key checkpoints throughout the year between SO/AC Leadership, the whole Board and Org executives to reflect on whether recent public meeting discussions have influenced thinking on any of the community's strategic priorities.

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3. Some members of the GAC have also raised the idea that the committee and other SOs and ACs should consider producing regular reports (perhaps 2 or 3 times a year) on actions they themselves have taken to contribute to progressing strategic community objectives.

4. In order "to further progress in achieving the priorities", it would also be important to review the policies developed in the past years, define those that are still relevant in view of the current priorities, and focus the work on removing the stumbling blocks for the implementation of these policies.

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5. A cross-community working group could be formed to reflect on possible procedural improvements, with the aim of enhancing the policy development and implementation processes within ICANN."(EC)

6. Finally, the GAC recognizes its key role in understanding and advising the Board and the community in the context of ICANN's strategic geopolitical developments and is happy to engage in such work with the Board at any time.

Follow-up questions for the Board:

Where the are the Board and the ICANN org in the next strategic planning cycle and where/how can the GAC as a committee get more involved in ICANN strategic planning?

GAC - Board Meeting - GAC Topics/Questions

1. GAC Advice - Methods for Board/GAC dialogue on the handling of GAC Advice in the context of the Next Round of new gTLDs

2. **Global Internet Access and Connectivity**
   a. Specific Country/Regional Support Efforts
      i. *Ukraine Support* - ICANN's support for Ukraine - an update from the Board?
      ii. Does the Board have information about ICANN offering similar support to other countries or regions in the past?
   b. Broader Community Structural Issues
      With an eye toward the broader aspiration of closing the "digital divide", how can the GAC best approach the Board or ICANN org to examine issues like DNS market concentration (e.g., registrar demographics)

Suggested Topic Areas of GAC Member Interest:

3. WHOIS Disclosure System/Proof of Concept Design Paper - Latest update from the Board

4. Registration Data Accuracy - What work can be taken forward by the ICANN Scoping Team while ICANN awaits a reply from the EDPB to previous correspondence from ICANN?

5. DNS Abuse Mitigation - Does the Board have any plans to facilitate and implement DNS Abuse mitigation (from e.g. malware, botnets, piracy)

6. Compliance Enforcement - How can the GAC help the Board and the wider Community undertake and proceed the work to improve the reporting, handling and enforcement of contract terms?

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Additional Ideas:

Potential question to ask Board in context of the future Strategic planning process:
Where the are the Board and the ICANN org in the next strategic planning cycle and where/how can the GAC as a committee ~~(or individual GAC Members)~~ get more involved in ICANN strategic planning?

Additional paragraph to add to response regarding <u>current</u> strategic plan:
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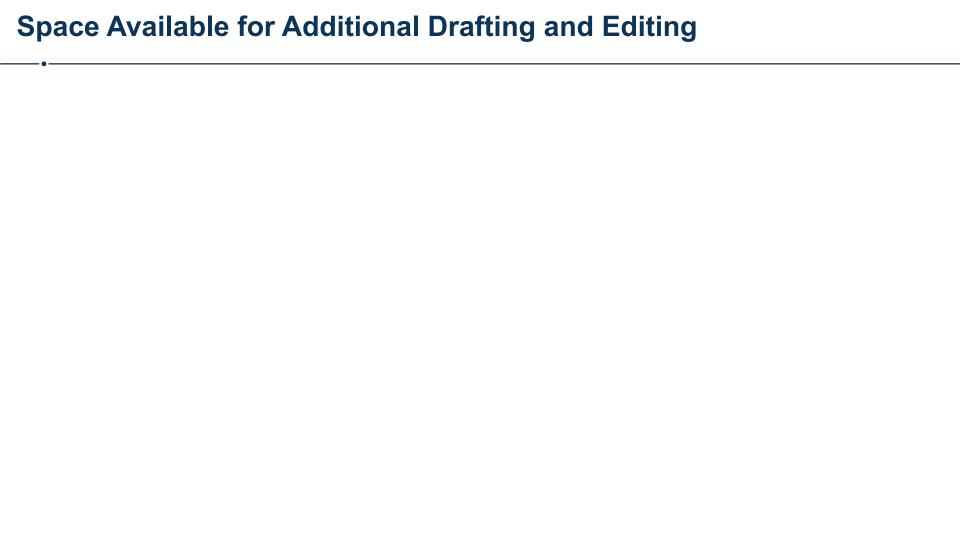
Working Group Reporting (time permitting)

Written pre-Meeting Updates provided by GAC working groups prior to meeting:

- Human Rights and International Law Working Group - 12 September
- GAC Operating Principles Evolution Working Group - 13 September

Oral Update from Under-Served Regions Working Group (USRWG)

- Short report from Masters-of-Ceremony on the Capacity Building Workshop

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