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GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board

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Session 8

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1. Introductions
2. Discussion of Board Question to the GAC
3. Discussion of GAC Topics/Questions for Board Consideration
4. AOB



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.

GAC - Board Meeting Preparations - Response to Board (2/3)

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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.



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

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

Follow-up questions for the Board:

Where 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?

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1. GAC Advice - Methods for Board/GAC dialogue on the handling of GAC Advice in the context of the Next Round of new gTLDs. GAC looking forward to receiving information about how GAC advice and input in the first round were considered and implemented.

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? Would such support be considered in the future for other circumstances?

b. Broader Community Systemic 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)

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

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

5. 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?

