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Joint Session: GAC and ALAC

Tuesday, 14 March 2023
09:00-10:00



Agenda

1. **Introduction and welcome, GAC/ALAC Chairs** - Jonathan Zuck, ALAC Chair; and Manal Ismail, GAC Chair (10 mins)
2. **Follow up on the 2017 joint Advice to the Board entitled “Enabling Inclusive, Informed and Meaningful Participation at ICANN: A Joint Statement by ALAC and GAC.”** - Alan Greenberg, ALAC; Jorge Cancio, GAC (10 mins)
3. **WSIS+20 Review and Furthering the multistakeholder model – Looking ahead to the plenary session** - Nigel Hickson, GAC; Marita Moll, ALAC/At-Large (10 mins)
4. **DNS abuse in the context of contemporary policy advancements – coordinating the multistakeholder approach** - Hadia Elminiawi, ALAC; Laureen Kapin, GAC (10 mins)
5. **Q&A** moderated by Joanna Kulesza, ALAC (10 mins)
6. **Summary and wrap-up / GAC/ALAC Chairs** - Jonathan Zuck, ALAC Chair; and Manal Ismail, GAC Chair (10 mins)

Follow-Up on 2017 Joint Advice - Background

Background

- During ICANN60 (2017), the GAC and ALAC developed a joint statement titled, [“Enabling Inclusive, Informed and Meaningful Participation at ICANN.”](#)
- In 2018, the ALAC issued a follow-up [statement](#) with input from the GAC.
- The Joint Advice recommends two ways ICANN org can **use a document management system and executive summaries to help** volunteers and newcomers to quickly find and understand important documents.
- In response to the Advice, the ICANN Board introduced **ICANN’s development of the Information and Transparency Initiative (ITI)**, an operational activity to improve ICANN’s content governance and infrastructure, **as an approach to address the recommendations.**
- The ALAC and GAC question if ITI addresses the core recommendations of their Advice.

Follow-Up on 2017 Joint Advice - Background

Recommendation 1.

ICANN to ***develop a simple and efficient document management system*** that allows – even to non-insiders – an ***easy and quick access to ICANN documents***.

- a. Documents should have a title, a date and/or reference number.
- b. Documents should identify the author and indicate intended recipients, and make reference to the process it belongs to.
- c. Acronyms should be explained.

Recommendation 2.

ICANN to produce executive summaries, key points, and synopses for all relevant issues, processes and activities, made easily understandable to nonexperts.

- a. Stakeholders should be able to (a) determine if a particular issue is of concern to them; and (b) participate in the policy process easily and effectively, on equal footing with other stakeholders.
- b. This should be done at least for issues put up for Public Comment.

Follow-Up on 2017 Joint Advice

ALAC Perspective on Joint Statement

- Advice requested a “quick fix” to address current GAC & ALAC problems.
 - In retrospect, using the expression “simple and efficient document management system” a mistake!
- New ITI features are great!!!
 - But do not address what we needed.

WE STILL NEED!

- Identify documents to avoid confusion (document number, revisions, authors).
- Easy to understand summaries (minimal jargon).

Overall reaction: Annoyance!

GAC perspective on Joint statement:

- *The goal behind the statement was fostering meaningful, inclusive and informed participation.*
- *after 5 years:*
 - *is the document management system used in ICANN clearer and more user-friendly?*
 - *are documents easily identifiable (reference number)?*
 - *do all relevant documents contain understandable and user-friendly synopsis?*
 - *(example)*
- *reactions from the audience?*
- *should the Board and/or Org be asked where they stand today?*

Looking ahead to the ICANN76 Plenary Session

- Session (GAC proposal) focused on raising awareness of the WSIS+20 Review process;
- Highlight importance of ICANN involvement (not just presenting facts) in the process;
- Will also look at how we might enhance multi-stakeholder processes.

Follow-Up on ICANN76 Plenary Session

From an ALAC perspective,

- *what are the essentials necessary to protect the global Internet from the end user point of view, and how to work with politicians to formulate a long-term vision?*
- *Canadian context and experiences and recent input from the At Large community.*

Areas for discussion

- Contract compliance and transparency around DNS abuse
- Accuracy of data - Privacy Requirements and RDS
- Reporting of incidents and statistics

Implementation status of relevant CCT and SSR2 Review Recommendations

Complete:

- *Monitor and Enforce Compliance Rec. 9.1*
- *Resolve CZDS Data Access Problems Rec. 11.1*
- *Privacy Requirements and RDS Rec. 16.1*

In Progress:

- *Provide Clarity on Definitions of Abuse-related Terms Rec.10.1*
- *To complete implementation of SSR1 Recommendations Rec.1.1*
- *SSR1: 10 “ICANN should continue its efforts to step up contract compliance enforcement and provide adequate resources for this function. ICANN also should develop and implement a more structured process for monitoring compliance issues and investigations. (Status: ?)”*
- *SSR1 Recommendation 15 “ICANN should act as a facilitator in the responsible disclosure and dissemination of DNS security threats and mitigation techniques.” (Status: ?)”*

DNS Abuse in the context of contemporary policy advancements

- The GAC welcomes the ongoing contract negotiations as a positive development to raise the floor on concrete actions that Registries and Registrars can take to mitigate DNS Abuse.
- The outcome of these negotiations will be a useful first step and targeted PDPs could follow.
- Voluntary efforts are welcome too (though we note that the such efforts do not persistent bad actors – this topic is subject of certain CCT/SSR2 Recs).

Questions