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GAC High Level Government Meeting - Background and Agenda Preparation

Saturday 2 March 2024 - 2015 UTC



Agenda

- Introduction - Charles (Rwanda)
- ICANN80 HLGGM Video Presentation
- High Level Government Meeting (HLGM) Review
- ICANN80 Agenda Discussion

In a Nutshell

- The HLGGM is a key ICANN's meeting taking place every few years
- The aim of the HLGGM is to raise high level political awareness about ICANN's role and activities in the broader Internet Governance space
- The HLGGM is not a formal GAC meeting

HLGM Background

The High Level Government Meeting (HLGM) provides the opportunity to:

- Reaffirm the critical role that governments play in providing advice to the ICANN Board on public-policy issues as it relates to the secure and stable functioning of the DNS.
- Enable all parties to gain a clearer understanding of the role of governments in ICANN processes, including the GAC.
- Discuss current public policy issues and challenges at very senior level. These discussions can occur between government and government, as well as between governments and the ICANN leadership group.
- Expose very senior administrative officials and senior elected officials (Ministers, members of legislative bodies) to ICANN, allowing them to gain a greater understanding of the organisation and the issues it deals with. In turn, this may lead to better support for and resourcing of GAC representatives within their home administrations.
- Reach out to administrations and governments who are not yet, or not currently, represented on the GAC or in other ICANN forums.

HLGM Background

- The GAC has looked to host an HLGM High Level Governmental Meeting (HLGM) in conjunction with an ICANN meeting and in addition to the usual GAC meeting approximately once every two years
- The concept grew out of recommendations made by previous Accountability and Transparency Review Teams (ATRT1 and ATRT2)
- ATRT1 Recommendation 14:

“The Board should endeavor to increase the level of support and commitment of governments to the GAC process. First, the Board should encourage member countries and organizations to participate in GAC deliberations and should place a particular focus on engaging nations in the developing world, paying particular attention to the need to provide multilingual access to ICANN records. Second, the Board, working with the GAC, should establish a process to determine when and how ICANN engages senior government officials on public policy issues on a regular and collective basis to complement the existing GAC process.”

HLGM Background

- ATRT2 Recommendation 6.7:

“Recommends that the Board work jointly with the GAC, through the Board-GAC Recommendation Implementation (BGRI) working group, to regularize senior officials’ meetings by asking the GAC to convene a High Level meeting on a regular basis, preferably at least once every two years. Countries and territories that do not currently have GAC representatives should also be invited and a stock-taking after each High Level meeting should occur.”

Key Planning Phases for Kigali HLGGM

- Identify Topics (during ICANN78)
- Confirm invitees
- Send invitations
- Resolve any invitee difficulties
- Fine Tune agenda (before ICANN79)
- Finalize Agenda (ICANN79)
- Process RSVPs and communicate with declared attendees

Role for GAC Representatives:

- Identify appropriate contacts in your government for invitation
- Promote/inform internal government contacts about ICANN and HLGGM
- Brief/accompany senior officials as appropriate

Agenda Development for ICANN80

- Agree on the objectives of the main sessions
- Agree on the format of the sessions
- Suggest additional discussion points

Planning for ICANN80

- Review Agenda v0.2 (via scrollin) on Shared Screen

Next Steps

- Complete Registration Content
- Launch Registration Page (March 22nd)
- Confirm additional attendees (invitee RSVPs) and speakers (ASAP)
- Circulate Final Agenda (April)
- Share FAQ on Logistics
- Plan Sessions with Speakers (April-May)
- Attendees Prepare Statements for Meeting Discussions

Thank you!