

# **GAC Opening Plenary Session**

Monday 10 June 2024 - 0700 UTC



1. Welcome from GAC Chair – ***Nicolas Caballero***
2. Welcome from Host Country Government –  
**Charles Gahungu** - Rwanda Utilities Regulatory  
Authority



## 3. GAC Meeting Overview

- A. Review of Agenda Highlights by GAC Chair
- B. Review of Meeting Logistics by ICANN GAC Support staff
- C. Tour de Table (in-person and then remote GAC participants)
- D. Notable GAC Transitions



# ICANN80 Block Schedule

UTC	UTC-6	UTC+6	UTC+2	Sunday 9 June (Day 0)	Monday 10 June (Day 1)	Tuesday 11 June (Day 2)	Wednesday 12 June (Day 3)	Thursday 13 June (Day 4)	UTC+2			
7:00	3:00	15:00	9:00	GAC High Level Government Meeting (HLGM)	GNSO Sub Pro IRT (1/3)	1. GAC Opening Plenary (75 mins)	4. Meeting with the GNSO (75 mins)	GNSO Sub Pro IRT (2/3)	9. Meeting with the ALAC (75 mins)	GNSO Sub Pro IRT (3/3)	11.c. GAC Communiqué (75 mins)	9:00
7:15	3:15	15:15	9:15									9:15
7:30	3:30	15:30	9:30		9:30							
7:45	3:45	15:45	9:45		9:45							
8:00	4:00	16:00	10:00		10:00							
8:15	4:15	16:15	10:15		10:15							
8:30	4:30	16:30	10:30		Coffee Break (30 mins)	Coffee Break (30 mins)	Coffee Break (30 mins)	Coffee Break (30 mins)	10:30			
8:45	4:45	16:45	10:45		10:45							
9:00	5:00	17:00	11:00		2. GAC Discussion on New gTLDs Next Round (90 mins)	5. GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation (45 mins)	10. GAC Strategic Planning (90 mins)	11.d. GAC Communiqué (90 mins)	11:00			
9:15	5:15	17:15	11:15						11:15			
9:30	5:30	17:30	11:30		11:30							
9:45	5:45	17:45	11:45		11:45							
10:00	6:00	18:00	12:00		6. GAC Discussion on WHOIS and Data Protection (incl. Accuracy) (45 mins)	Lunch Break (90 mins)	Lunch Break (90 mins)	Lunch Break (90 mins)	12:00			
10:15	6:15	18:15	12:15						12:15			
10:30	6:30	18:30	12:30		Lunch Break (90 mins)	GAC Commonwealth Meeting (12:15-13:15)	GAC Leadership Meeting [C]	Lunch Break (90 mins)	12:30			
10:45	6:45	18:45	12:45		12:45							
11:00	7:00	19:00	13:00	13:00								
11:15	7:15	18:15	13:15	13:15								
11:30	7:30	18:30	13:30	13:30								
11:45	7:45	18:45	13:45	13:45								
12:00	8:00	19:00	14:00	3. Meeting with the ICANN Board (75 mins)	7. GAC Capacity Development Session (75 mins)	11.a. GAC Communiqué (75 mins)	11.e. GAC Communiqué (75 mins)	14:00				
12:15	8:15	19:15	14:15					14:15				
12:30	8:30	19:30	14:30	14:30								
12:45	8:45	19:45	14:45	14:45								
13:00	9:00	20:00	15:00	Coffee Break (30 mins)	Coffee Break (30 mins)	Coffee Break (30 mins)	Coffee Break (30 mins)	15:00				
13:15	9:15	20:15	15:15	15:15								
13:30	9:30	20:30	15:30	15:30								
13:45	9:45	20:45	15:45	15:45								
14:00	10:00	21:00	16:00	Navigating the Multistakeholder Approach: The ICANN Community's Role in Global Internet Governance (90 mins)	8. African Engagement in the GAC (90 mins)	11.b. GAC Communiqué (90 mins)	12. GAC Operations and Wrap-Up* (90 mins) *additional Communique time if needed	Board Led Community Engagement on Draft FY26-30 ICANN Strategic Plan to present Draft Strategies (90 mins)	16:00			
14:15	10:15	21:15	16:15						16:15			
14:30	10:30	21:30	16:30	16:30								
14:45	10:45	21:45	16:45	16:45								
15:00	11:00	22:00	17:00	17:00								
15:15	11:15	22:15	17:15	17:15								
15:30	11:30	22:30	17:30	Opening Reception (60 mins)	Networking Cocktail (60 mins)	Networking Cocktail (60 mins)	Closing Reception (60 mins)	17:30				
15:45	11:45	22:45	17:45	17:45								
16:00	12:00	23:00	18:00	18:00								

## 3.a) Notable Agenda Highlights

- ICANN80 Policy Forum Theme
- GAC Priority policy topic sessions - (DNS Abuse, Registration Data and New gTLD Next Round issues, etc.)
- Capacity Development now under Core Meeting Week Umbrella (sessions Tuesday afternoon)
- Strategic/Annual Planning Session (Wednesday morning)
- Communique drafting (Wednesday and Thursday)

## 3.b) Review of Meeting Logistics

- Notable for All Attendees
  - Zoom Session Infrastructure and Protocols - all please log-in
  - Reference Daily calendar invite updates
  - GAC Logistics Document
  
- Notable for In-person Attendees
  - Reserved GAC delegation seats at table microphones
  - Observers welcomed on seats on right and left side
  - Seats will be reserved in front rows for some sessions (e.g., Board)
  - Health and Safety Protocols (masks by choice, distancing, breaks)

## 3.c) Tour de Table

The GAC Chair opens the floor to GAC representatives and delegates to introduce themselves and to share any short comments or statements they would like to make.

- Introductions will then follow the table seating within the GAC meeting room.
- After in-room attendees have introduced themselves, remote participants will be invited to raise their hands in the Zoom room and provide their own introductions when recognized.



## 3.d) Notable GAC Transitions

- Welcome to 13 new GAC participants (since ICANN79)
- Goodbye to 15 departing GAC colleagues (since ICANN79)
- Welcome to New GAC Member - Principality of Liechtenstein - Dr. Rainer Schnepfleitner
- Thank you to Catherin Bauer-Bulst (EC) - PSWG Co-Chair
- Welcome to Janos Drienyovszki (EC) - PSWG Co-Chair
- Thank you to Jason Merritt (Canada) - New gTLDs Next Round Topic lead
- Welcome to Nigel Hickson (UK) - New Coordinator for Next Round Small Group Team





*Thank you!*