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GAC Preparation for Joint Meeting Discussions at ICANN82

Wednesday, 26 February 2025
13:00 UTC (60 mins)

Session Goals (GAC Chair)

- Background to GAC Members regarding GAC Bilateral Meetings at ICANN Public Meetings
- Review and Confirm GAC Topics, Questions and Messages to ICANN Board, and other ICANN Communities

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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 several years, these bilateral meetings have remained important regular interaction points to preserve and expand useful GAC connections with the ICANN Board and other groups. They can also provide useful venues to highlight and emphasize topics and issues that are likely to be addressed in the GAC Communiqué.

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

4. Today's session is an opportunity to be informed of and confirm the topics and agendas for the GAC bilateral meetings at ICANN82.

Sunday 9 March

NCSG (16:30 UTC/09:30 local Seattle time)
- Human Rights Impact Assessment on DNS
- gTLD Applicant Support

GNSO (22:00 UTC/15:00 local)

- WHOIS (including Accuracy, and if requested by GNSO: Billing Contact and Urgent Requests)
- INFERMAL Study and GNSO Small Team on DNS Abuse
- New gTLD Next Round Implementation Review Team
- Latin Diacritics PDP
- Improved Communications Between GAC and GNSO Council

SSAC (23:30 UTC/16:30 local)
- Discussion on impact of emerging technologies on DNS Abuse and the DNS in general
- Discussion of INFERMAL Study
- Quantum computing and impacts on existing encryption technologies

Tuesday 11 March

ALAC (16:00 UTC/09:00 local Seattle time)

- **Welcome and Introduction** – GAC Chair & ALAC Chair (5 mins)
- **Discussion on the INFERMAL Report** – Summary and key insights from the authors (20 mins)
- **GAC-ALAC Priorities in the WSIS+20 Context** – Multistakeholder governance, digital divide, capacity building, and next steps (20 mins)
- **Q&A and Wrap-Up** – Open discussion moderated by GAC/ALAC liaisons, concluding remarks by GAC Chair & ALAC Chair (15 mins)

Wednesday 12 March

Contracted Party House (16:00 UTC/09:00 local Seattle time)

- WSIS +20 (RySG)
- Next Round (RySG)
- Urgent Requests Authentication (RrSG)
- INFERMAL Study

ccNSO (17:30 UTC/10:30 local Seattle time)

- Policy Gap Analysis Update
- Engagement session ("ccTLD Models")

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Board - GAC Preliminary Meeting Agenda

Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 11 March at 22:00 UTC (60 mins)
(15:00 local Seattle time)

1. Introductions
2. Review of GAC Topics/Questions (to be shared with Board in advance of meeting)
3. AOB
4. Closing

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GAC - Board Meeting - GAC Topics - Overview

1. Priorities and Plans for the New ICANN CEO
2. Internet Coordination Policy - 2
3. Next Round of new gTLDs - Applicant Support Program
4. Registration Data
   a. Urgent Requests for Disclosure
   b. Accuracy of Registration Data

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GAC - Board Meeting - GAC Topics/Questions

Topic 1. Priorities and Plans for the New ICANN CEO

Welcome to Kurtis Lindqvist! Given the new CEO has now been with ICANN for nearly three months and in light of the Board's question to the GAC/Community about potential CEO priorities at ICANN81 in Istanbul, *can you please -*

(1) share what overall impressions you have gleaned about the ICANN community, especially the GAC?;

(2) inform GAC Members about the initial CEO priorities you and the Board have agreed on; and

(3) reveal what you think ICANN (the organization) should be focussing on - particularly with respect to the areas of:

> *a.) ICANN org transparency and accountability;*
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> *b.) ICANN org's efficient and effective delivery of its mission; and*
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> *c.) ICANN's engagement within the wider Internet Governance ecosystem, considering the present context of WSIS+20*

*This is a discussion opportunity to glean where CEO and <u>GAC strategic planning</u> may align.

Topic 2. Internet Coordination Policy - 2

The GAC has noted and welcomes the recent adoption of the [Implementation and Assessment Procedures for ICP-2 Compliance](#).

Can the Board or ICANN leadership provide an update on the next steps with regard to this document and the timelines envisioned for ICANN org to implement the procedures laid out in the implementation document?

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Topic 3. Next Round of new gTLDs - Applicant Support Program

The GAC welcomes the updates from ICANN Org this meeting week on applications under the Applicant Support Program (ASP). GAC Members are concerned that while it appears there are almost 25 support applications in some form of preparation or submission, less than half come collectively from the Asia/Pacific, African and Latin America regions of the world. GAC Members intend to work further with ICANN org to enhance outreach and promotion of next round application opportunities to developing regions and countries.

In the meantime can the Board confirm expectations that application fees will be lowered to reflect an 85% fee reduction from the current 75% target?

Topic 4. Registration Data

a. *Urgent Requests for Disclosure*

Following the recent second trilateral call between the GAC, the ICANN Board and the GNSO on this matter (12 February 2025), the GAC understands that there is agreement to proceed with resuming EPDP Phase 1 IRT discussions to define an appropriate timeline for response to Urgent Requests for disclosure of Registration Data in circumstances that pose an imminent threat to life, serious bodily harm, critical infrastructure, or child exploitation. In light of the ICANN79 San Juan Communiqué GAC Advice for the ICANN Board "To act expeditiously to establish a clear process and a timeline for the delivery of a policy" on this matter, *the GAC would appreciate confirmation of when the Board expects ICANN org will reconvene this Implementation Review Team.*

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Topic 4. Registration Data

b. _Accuracy of Registration Data_

Since the suspension of the work of the GNSO Accuracy Scoping Team in November 2022, the GAC has regularly stressed the importance of resuming work on accuracy as soon as possible. Recently, the GAC submitted its input to the GNSO Council's questions aimed at "providing a foundation for deciding on the next steps" which the GAC expects will soon follow towards resuming the scoping of policy work on accuracy of domain name registration data. _The GAC is interested in hearing the ICANN Board's current thinking on this matter_.

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Thank you!

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