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GAC Opening Plenary Session

Saturday, 8 March 2025
21:30 UTC (75 mins)

A.   Welcome and 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 and Activities

E.   Reminder of GAC Communiqué Development Process

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A) Notable Agenda Highlights

- ICANN82 - "Community Forum" - meeting format
- GAC Priority policy topic sessions - (New gTLD Next Round issues, DNS Abuse, Registration Data, etc.)
- Strategic/Annual Planning Progress (Saturday afternoon)
- Proposed Leadership Elections and Term Limit Changes
- Bilateral Community relations (throughout the Week)
- Communique drafting (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

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ICANN82 Block Schedule

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Governmental Advisory Committee

UTC	UTC-8	Saturday 8 March (Day 1) UTC -8	UTC	Sunday 9 March (Day 2) UTC -7	Monday 10 March (Day 3)	Tuesday 11 March (Day 4)	Wednesday 12 March (Day 5)	Thursday 13 March (Day 6)	UTC-8/-7
17:00	9:00	**1. GAC Capacity Development** (60 mins) New gTLD Next Round (GeoTLD group)	16:00	**6. GAC - Community Open Mic** (30 mins)	**Welcome Ceremony + Community Excellence Award** (60 mins)	**14. GAC Meeting with the ALAC** (60 mins)	**19. GAC Meeting with the CPH** (60 mins)	**Geopolitical Forum** (60 mins)	9:00
17:15	9:15		16:15						9:15
17:30	9:30		16:30	**7. GAC Meeting with the NCSG** (30 mins)					9:30
17:45	9:45		16:45						9:45
18:00	10:00	**Break (30 mins)**	17:00	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	10:00
18:15	10:15		17:15						10:15
18:30	10:30	**2. GAC Capacity Development** (90 mins) New gTLD Next Round (Champions Toolkit)	17:30	**8. A Registrant's Journey [RrSG]** (60 mins)	**How We Meet Community Feedback Session** (75 mins)	**15. GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse** (90 mins)	**20. GAC Meeting with the ccNSO** (90 mins)	**ICANN Public Forum** (90 mins)	10:30
18:45	10:45		17:45						10:45
19:00	11:00		18:00						11:00
19:15	11:15		18:15						11:15
19:30	11:30		18:30	**9. GAC Prep session for discussion on Next round (30 mins)**					11:30
19:45	11:45		18:45						11:45
20:00	12:00	**Lunch Break** (75 mins)	19:00	**Lunch Break** (75 mins)	**Lunch Break** (75 mins)	**Lunch Break** (75 mins) *Leadership Meeting [C]*	**Lunch Break** (75 mins) *Leadership Meeting [C]*	**Lunch Break** (75 mins)	12:00
20:15	12:15		19:15						12:15
20:30	12:30		19:30						12:30
20:45	12:45		19:45						12:45
21:00	13:00		20:00						13:00
21:15	13:15	**3. GAC Opening Plenary** (75 mins)	20:15	**10. GAC Discussion on New gTLD Program Next Round** (75 mins)	**Q&A with ICANN Org Executive Team** (75 mins)	**16.a. Communique Drafting** (75 mins)	**16.b. Communique Drafting** (75 mins)	**16.e. Communique Drafting** (75 mins)	13:15
21:30	13:30		20:30						13:30
21:45	13:45		20:45						13:45
22:00	14:00		21:00						14:00
22:15	14:15		21:15						14:15
22:30	14:30		21:30						14:30
22:45	14:45	**Break (30 mins)**	21:45	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	14:45
23:00	15:00	**4. GAC Strategic Planning Discussion** (60 mins)	22:00	**11. GAC Meeting with the GNSO** (60 mins)	**13. GAC Discussion on WHOIS and Registration Data Issues** (60 mins)	**17. GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board** (60 mins)	**16.c. Communique Drafting** (60 mins)	**16.f. Communique Drafting** (60 mins)	15:00
23:15	15:15		22:15						15:15
23:30	15:30		22:30						15:30
23:45	15:45		22:45						15:45
0:00	16:00	**Break (30 mins)**	23:00	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	**Break (30 mins)**	16:00
0:15	16:15		23:15						16:15
0:30	16:30	**5. GAC Operating Matters Discussion** (60 mins)	23:30	**12. GAC Meeting with the SSAC** (60 mins)	**Dialogue on ICANN Community Participant Code of conduct** (60 mins) / **GAC Africa Awareness Session and Call to Action** (60 mins)	**18. WSIS+20 Discussion with GAC IG Group** (60 mins)	**16.d. Communique Drafting** (60 mins)	**ICANN Board Meeting Closing Cocktail** (60 mins)	16:30
0:45	16:45		23:45						16:45
1:00	17:00		0:00						17:00
1:15	17:15		0:15						17:15
1:30	17:30		0:30		**ICANN Cocktail Event** (60 mins)				17:30
1:45	17:45		0:45						17:45
2:00	18:00		1:00						18:00

GAC Plenary Sessions
GAC Joint Sessions
Community Sessions
GAC Communique
GAC Capacity Development

Official Times for ICANN82
09:00-17:30 (UTC-8/-7)

B) Review of Meeting Logistics

- Notable for **All** Attendees
  - Zoom Session Infrastructure and Protocols - all please log-in
  - Please indicate your interventions by hand-raising in the Zoom room
  - Reference to calendar invitations
  - GAC Logistics Document

- Notable for **In-person** Attendees
  - Seats at table microphones are reserved for GAC delegations
  - Other ICANN community members are welcomed on seats behind the table area
  - Seats will be reserved in front rows for some sessions (e.g., Board)
  - No circulation of written materials in room or during sessions
  - Health and Safety Protocols (masks by choice, etc.)

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B) Membership Attendance at ICANN Meetings

Challenges - Membership Attendance:

- Resource intensive for staff to capture participation metrics at ICANN Meetings by publication of the Communique & formal minutes
- Several remote participants of delegations are **NOT** registering for the meeting thus impacting accurate attendance data
- Prior Attempts:
  - Pad & pen passed around but risked improper processing of personal data
  - iPad with email check-in but was clunky and members entered email addresses not used for meeting registration thus difficult to reconcile to membership
  - Planned attempts at badge scanning, but either costly with scanners or processed data well beyond purpose

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Did you register for ICANN82 (select one option only):
[] Registered in-person
[] Registered remote
[] Did not register

How did you participate at ICANN82 (select one option only):
[] In-person
[] Remote
[] Did not participate
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Active Check-In Solution (Pilot):

- Focus: take attendance at **delegate** level thus providing attendance at Member & Observer level
- CES re-established as **authority** for GAC membership data
- Establish **new rule**:
  - All delegates **MUST** register for ICANN Meetings or risk their delegation not being recognized
- Setup a single but active virtual **check-in** beyond registration as a prototype to test solution efficacy
- **Daily** posting of delegation check-in
- Communicate before and during ICANN Meeting

Benefits:

- Reduced resources and increased focus of substance of issues
- Shared responsibility of demonstrating participation
- Faster & more accurate attendance for communique & reports

Schedule for ICANN82 (Pilot):

- **07** **Prepare Data:** staff data preparation to reconcile current membership against meeting registration data
- **08** **Announce, Send & Post**
  - Opening Plenary: provide verbal reminder of check-in prototype solution and for delegates to submit
  - @ end-of-day, reconcile data & email participation survey to all registered delegates
  - Post daily table on GAC website of delegations registered vs. check-in
- **09** **Announce, Send & Post**
  - GAC Community Open Mic
- **10** **Send & Post**
  - Communique Drafting (1)
- **11** **Announce, Send & Post**
  - Communique Drafting (2)
- **12** **Announce & Post**
  - Communique Drafting (3)
- **13** **Post**
  - draft totals and list of delegations for communique
- **xx** Provide final totals and list of delegations for **meeting minutes**

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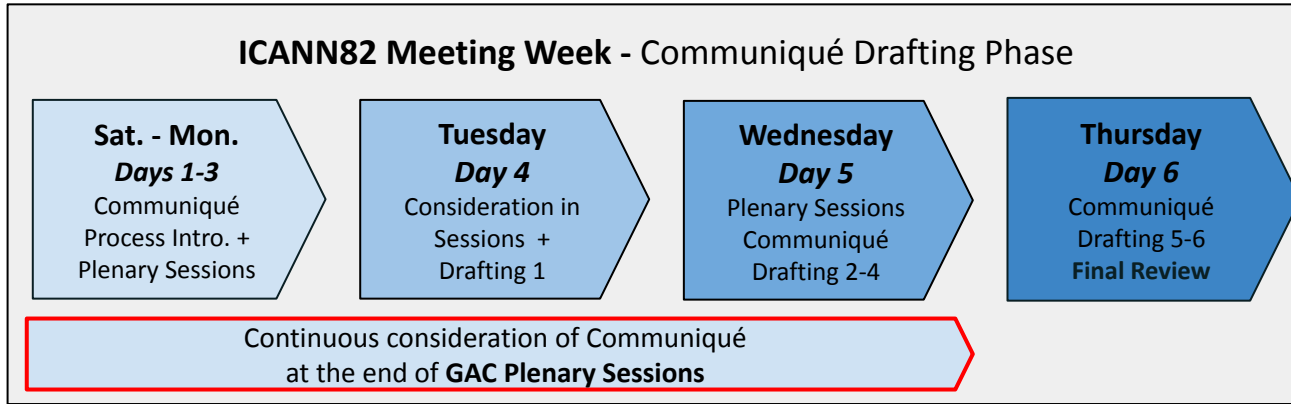
- Introductions will then follow the table seating within the GAC meeting room.
- After in-room attendees have introduced themselves, remote participants will be invited to raise their hands in the Zoom room and provide their own introductions when recognized.

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D) Notable GAC Transitions

- Welcome to 60+ new GAC delegates (since ICANN81)
  - Monaco - new GAC Member
  - African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance (APNIG) - new GAC Observer
  - 184 Members / 40 Observers
- Thank you to GAC Vice Chairs:
  - *Departing at end of ICANN82:*
    - Zeina Bou Harb (Lebanon)
    - Nigel Hickson (United Kingdom)
    - WANG Lang (China)
  - *Joining at end of ICANN82:*
    - Ian Sheldon (Australia)
    - Jorge Cancio (Switzerland)
    - Marco Hogewoning (The Netherlands)

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D) Notable GAC Activities

Thank you to all GAC representatives and delegates for active engagement since ICANN81 -

- Four formal GAC Public Comments
- Seven formal letters on various topics
- Engagement with ICANN Board regarding 11 "Issues of Importance" to governments
- Three agenda setting and preparatory calls for ICANN82
- Engagement with ICANN Board and GNSO regarding urgent requests for disclosure of registration data
- Ensuring regular reporting on ICANN org outreach and status of Applicant Support Program
- Active cross-community engagement on WSIS+20 preparations

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E) Communiqué Development for ICANN82

ICANN82 Meeting Week - Communiqué Drafting Phase

Communiqué Preparation Phase

Sat. - Mon.
Days 1-3
Communiqué Process Intro. + Plenary Sessions

Tuesday
Day 4
Consideration in Sessions + Drafting 1

Wednesday
Day 5
Plenary Sessions Communiqué Drafting 2-4

Thursday
Day 6
Communiqué Drafting 5-6
Final Review

72-hour Communiqué Review Period

Continuous consideration of Communiqué at the end of **GAC Plenary Sessions**

GAC Topic Leads and interested GAC Members
invited to provide **Initial Communiqué Text**

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Pre-agreed deadline for initial text contributions

Decision by GAC Chair, to close live collaboration on the document

Draft Communiqué Google Doc
Open for live contributions by GAC Members
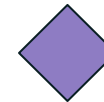
Draft Communiqué
Edited only through Staff

Drafters of Communiqué Text are encouraged, at any stage of Communiqué dévelopment, to **use the GAC Support Team as a resource to research precedent**, **ensure accuracy** of references **and consistency with usual practice** as needed

Thank you!