GAC Strategic Planning

ICANN82 Plenary Session

8 March 2025

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Agenda

1. **Background on the GAC's Strategic Planning Effort**

2. **Update on Progress in Expected Outcomes per the GAC 2024/2025 Annual Plan**

3. **Development of the GAC 2025/2026 Annual Plan**

GAC Strategic Planning Background

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Kigali, Rwanda, 17 June 2024

GAC Communiqué – Kigali, Rwanda[1]

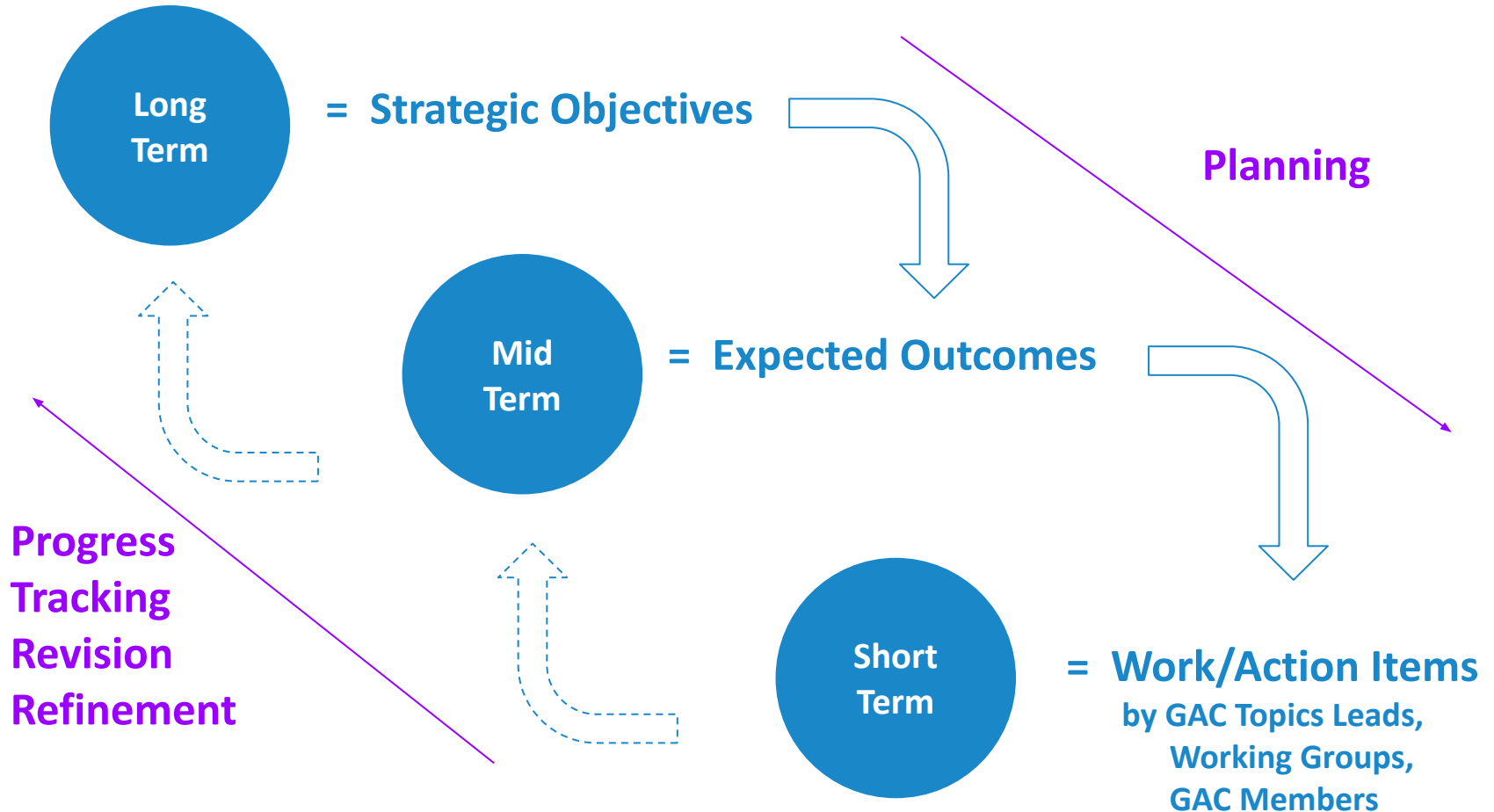## III.   Internal Matters

4. GAC Strategic Planning

Building on a process initiated in December 2023 by the GAC Chair and Vice-Chairs, considering the GAC plenary discussion during ICANN79 in San Juan, and several consultations of the GAC Membership intersessionally, the GAC finalized and endorsed the 4-year GAC Strategic Plan (2024-2028) and the corresponding 2024/2025 GAC Annual Plan[2].

The GAC expects that these Strategic and Annual plans will serve to bolster the GAC's proactive stance in ICANN deliberations, increase the Committee's readiness to provide timely and effective advice and policy input, and to assist in communicating the GAC's priorities with higher levels of governments, new GAC Members, and ICANN stakeholders.
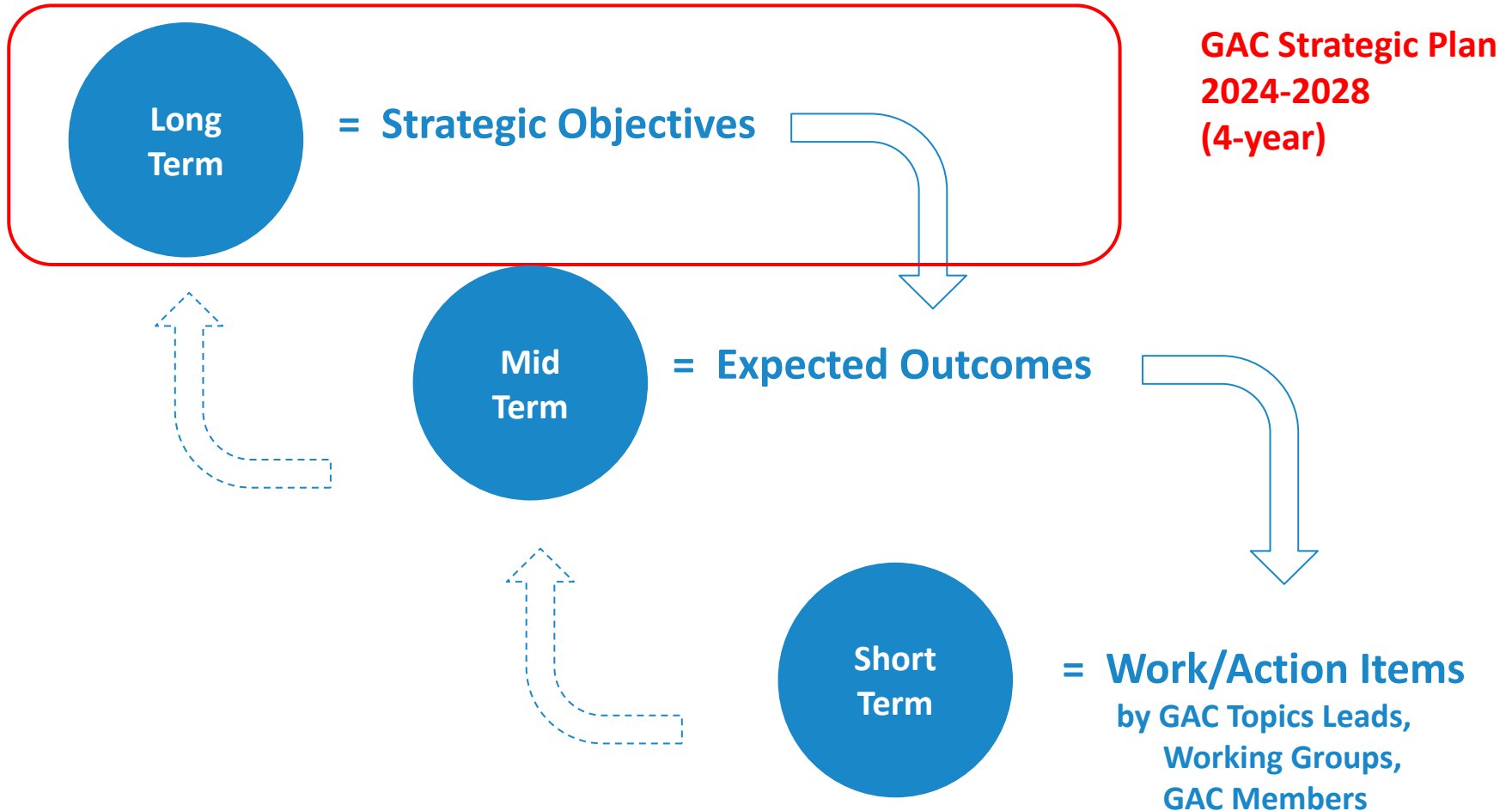
Reminder: Approach to Developing the GAC Strategic Plan

Strategic Objectives <u>determine</u> *Expected Outcomes*, which <u>determine</u> *Action Items*

Long Term = **Strategic Objectives**

Planning

Mid Term = **Expected Outcomes**

Progress Tracking Revision Refinement

Short Term = **Work/Action Items**
by GAC Topics Leads, Working Groups, GAC Members

Completion of Action Items <u>inform</u> *attainability of Expected Outcomes, which* <u>inform</u> *achievability of Strategic Objectives*

Diagram adapted from https://www.gartner.com/en/insights/strategic-planning

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GAC Strategic Plan 2024-2028 (4-year)

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GAC Strategic Plan 2024-2028

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STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2028
Endorsed by the GAC on 17 June 2024

GAC Mission, Vision and Values Statement

Consistent with ICANN's Article of Incorporation and ICANN's Bylaws, including ICANN's Mission, Commitments and Core Values, in the following statements, the GAC aims to propose specific statements for the sole purpose of the Committee's Strategic Planning.

Mission

To provide public policy advice to ICANN on issues that affect the stability, security, and global interconnectedness of the Internet's unique identifier systems and to exercise its powers and rights to ensure accountability of the ICANN Board and organization, as a Decisional Participant in ICANN's Empowered Community.

Vision

The GAC envisions a future where the Internet's unique identifier systems remain a trusted and reliable foundation for the global digital ecosystem, reflecting the needs of all users and stakeholders across the globe.

Values

- **Transparency and Accountability**: The GAC strives for open and inclusive policy development processes that ensure all voices are heard.
- **Multistakeholder Governance**: We recognize the importance of a collaborative approach where governments, the private sector, civil society, and the technical community work together for the benefit of the internet.
- **Global Policy Consideration**: We advocate for policies that are developed with a global perspective, taking into account the needs of diverse communities and cultures.
- **Stability and Security**: We prioritize the stability and security of the Internet's unique identifier systems to ensure their continued smooth operation.
- **Human Rights and International Law**: the GAC's values center on harnessing the use of digital technology, and specifically the Internet's unique identifier systems, for the benefit of humanity, upholding human rights and international law in the context of the digital age.

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GAC Strategic Objectives 2024-2028

1) Role for Governments in ICANN

In support of reaffirming the critical role of governments within the ICANN multistakeholder model, the GAC will seek to ensure that governments can effectively pursue their public policy interests, through both existing and future ICANN processes and procedures. In particular, the GAC will work to assess whether current ICANN structures provide sufficient and meaningful opportunity for the GAC, to develop, influence, and modify policy outcomes.

2) Effectiveness of the Governmental Advisory Committee

The GAC will seek to increase active and meaningful participation of GAC Members in its deliberations and operations. The GAC will also work to enhance its effectiveness as a participant in the multistakeholder processes of ICANN, including by ensuring that the voice of GAC members is expressed and appropriately represented, and by leveraging collaboration and alignment with other ICANN constituencies.

3) Future Rounds of New gTLDs

Leveraging the experience and lessons learned from previous rounds of New gTLDs, including on their costs, benefits and accessibility, the GAC will seek to ensure that any future rounds of New gTLDs:
- Promote competition, consumer trust and consumer choice;
- Contribute to reducing the digital divide, in particular through the support of applicants from underserved and underrepresented regions and the promotion of Internationalized Domain Names
- Incorporate appropriate security, stability and resiliency safeguards
- Include appropriate procedures and capabilities for the GAC to address unexpected issues arising from specific or categories of applications, in particular issues affecting the global public interest such as Geographical Names.

4) DNS Abuse

The GAC will engage proactively in the work of the ICANN community and will provide advice on the activities of ICANN as they relate to governments' concerns regarding DNS Abuse[1], in order to:
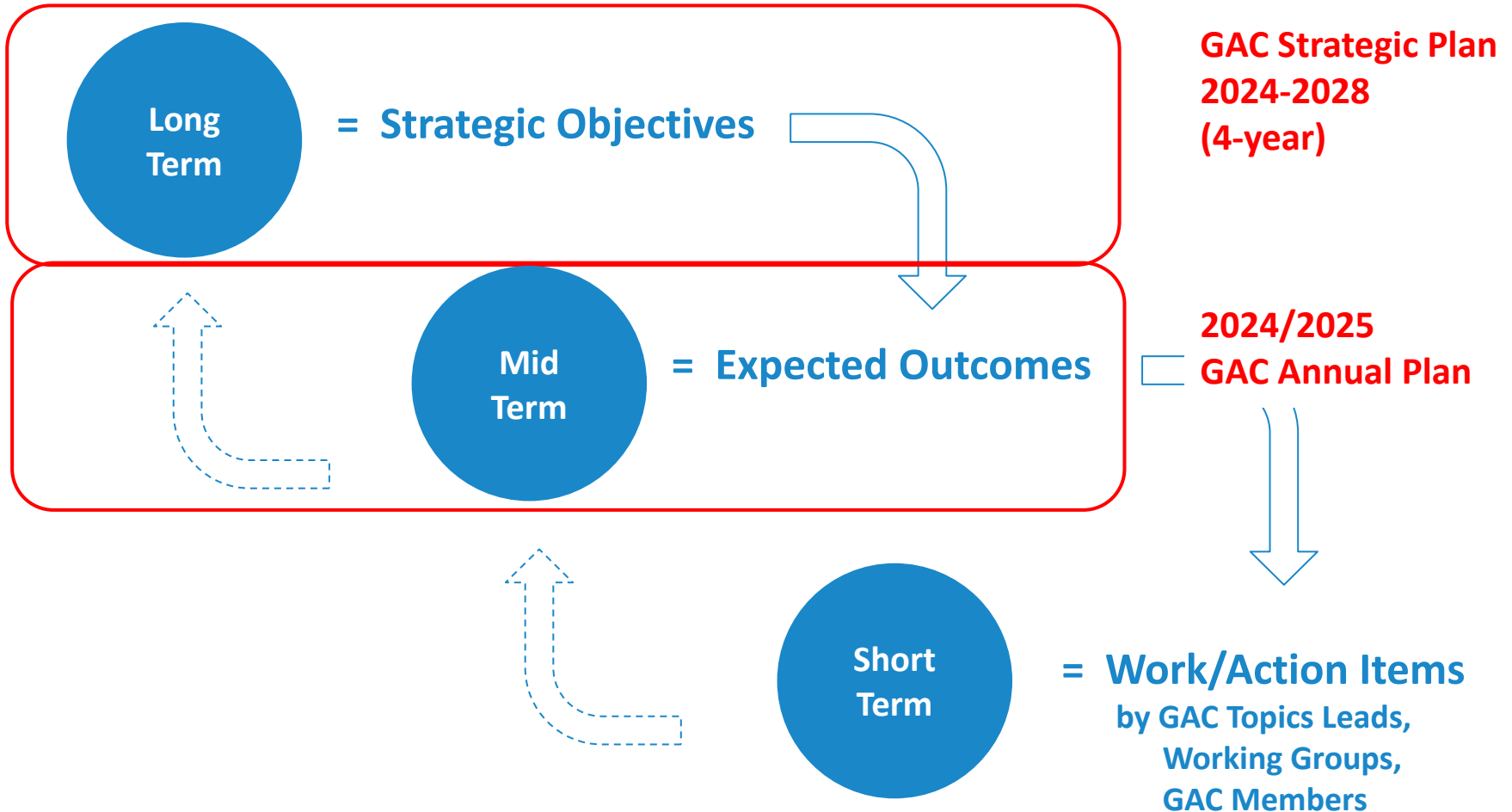- Promote the security, stability, and resiliency of the DNS
- Reduce the incidence and harm of DNS Abuse in existing gTLDs and New gTLDs
- Support the continuous improvement of DNS Abuse mitigation and prevention standards and their effective enforcement by ICANN
- Review and identify Best Practices in preventing and mitigating DNS Abuse for wider adoption
- Review, assess and encourage implementation of concrete measures to combat Phishing, Pharming, Botnets, Malware and Spam, in partnership with relevant institutions that deal with the issue.
- Provide GAC members capacity building workshops, sessions and potentially whole programs, either on a permanent basis or on an ad-hoc approach, in order to enhance understanding of these issues.

In its work, keeping in mind the ever-evolving nature of DNS abuse, the GAC will seek to survey GAC Members and Observers to better understand how to address concerns and meet expectations of governments.

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[1] See GAC Statement on DNS Abuse (18 September 2019)

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https://gac.icann.org/work-plans/gac-strategic-plan-2024-2028.pdf (3 pages)

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GAC Strategic Plan 2024-2028 (4-year)

2024/2025 GAC Annual Plan

GAC Annual Plan 2024/2025

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GAC Strategic Objective 1 - Role for Governments in ICANN

4-year GAC Strategic Objective (2024-2028)
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Expected Outcomes in 2024/2025

1.1. **Stakeholder's Understanding of the Role of Governments**: Enable all stakeholders to gain a clearer understanding of the role of governments in ICANN processes, including the GAC, leveraging the attendance and participation of senior levels of governments during the High Level Government Meeting (HLGM), and particularly its discussion of ICANN, the Multistakeholder Model and their role in the wider Internet Governance ecosystem.

1.2. **Discussion of Current Issues at Senior Levels**: Discuss current public policy issues and challenges such as those relating to Digital Inclusion, and those referred to in the GAC Strategic Plan, at the most senior levels of government as practicable. These discussions may occur among governments bilaterally or multilaterally, as well as between governments and the ICANN leadership, before, during and after the ICANN80 HLGM

1.3. **Non-Represented Governments**: To promote broader participation in the GAC, seek to establish contacts with governments who are not yet, or not currently, represented on the GAC with the collaboration of ICANN's Stakeholder and Government Engagement teams

1.4. **Transparency of ICANN processes**: Encourage ICANN to make all its processes accessible to governments and citizens of the world through transparent processes, including Statements of Interest (SOI) where appropriate, and accessible tools.

1.5. **Governmental Advisory Committee Influence on Policy Outcomes**: Consider case studies and initial assessment of specific ICANN policy areas or processes where there are concerns with sufficient and meaningful opportunities for the Governmental Advisory Committee to develop, influence, and modify policy outcomes.

Resources

- **ICANN80 High Level Government Meeting (HLGM) in Kigali, Rwanda**: the agenda of the discussion to be held among senior representatives of governments, the related opportunities to attend and speak during the event and the Chair's report of the meeting are expected to contribute to meeting several of the expected outcomes for the coming year in this strategic area of interest to the GAC

- **ICANN Government Engagement function**: this dedicated team of ICANN org, along with their colleagues in the wider Stakeholder Engagement function will be a resource to GAC Members to engage bilaterally with ICANN leadership as needed, as well as to conduct outreach to governments not yet represented in ICANN.

- **Advisory Committees of ICANN** other than the GAC, that is the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC), and their leaders in particular, will be important resources for the GAC as it conducts its own assessment of its ability to influence ICANN policy outcomes.

https://gac.icann.org/work-plans/gac-annual-plan-2024-2025.pdf (14 pages)

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GAC Annual Plan 2024/2025 Progress Tracker

GAC Strategic Objectives "Caretakers"

1. Role for Governments in ICANN   **Zeina Bouharb** (GAC Vice Chair, Lebanon)

2. Effectiveness of the GAC   **Zeina Bouharb** (GAC Vice Chair, Lebanon)

3. Future Round of New gTLDs   **Nigel Hickson** (GAC Vice Chair, UK)

4. DNS Abuse   **Thiago Dal Toe** (GAC Vice Chair, Colombia)

5. Domain Registration Data   **Nico Caballero** (GAC Chair)

6. Universal Acceptance   **Wang Lang** (GAC Vice Chair, China)

7. New Technology   **Nico Caballero** (GAC Chair)

8. Internet Governance   **Christine Arida** (GAC Vice Chair, Egypt)

9. Internet Number Resources   **Christine Arida** (GAC Vice Chair, Egypt)
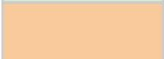
GAC Annual Plan 2024/2025 Progress Update

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GAC Annual Plan Progress Status Summary

Role of Gov. in ICANN	Effectiveness of the GAC		Future Rounds of New gTLDs	DNS Abuse	Domain Registr. Data	Universal Accept.	New Technology	Internet Gov.	Number Resources
1	2		3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.1	2.1	2.5.1	3.1	4.1	5.1.1	6.1	7.1	8.1.1	9.1
1.2	2.2	2.5.2	3.2	4.2	5.1.2	6.2	7.2	8.1.2	9.2
1.3	2.2.1	2.5.3	3.3	4.3	5.1.3	6.3	7.3	8.1.3	9.3
1.4	2.3.1	2.5.4	3.4	4.4	5.2	6.4	7.4	8.2.1	
1.5	2.3.2	2.6.1	3.5	4.5	5.3	6.5	7.5	8.2.2	
	2.4.1	2.6.2		4.6	5.4	6.6.1		8.2.3	
	2.4.2	2.6.3				6.6.2		8.2.4	
						6.6.3			

Legend		On Track		Complete
		Not Started		Challenged

Role for Governments in ICANN (Strategic Objective #1)

GAC Leadership Caretaker: **Zeina Bouharb (Lebanon)**

- Complete **1.1. Stakeholder's Understanding of the Role of Governments**
  Complete for the 2024/2025 Annual Plan with conducting of ICANN80 HLGM.
  Efforts to be continued in next annual plan including with planning of the next HLGM.

- On Track Expected Outcomes 1.2 to 1.4, pending GE/GSE/ccNSO discussions for further progress
  - **1.2. Discussion of Current Issues at Senior Levels**
  - **1.3. Non Represented Governments**
  - **1.4. Transparency of ICANN processes**

- On Track **1.5. Governmental Advisory Committee Influence on Policy Outcomes**
  GAC Leadership to initiate outreach to Topic Leads and representatives of the GAC involved in various past and present ICANN processes (reviews, PDPs, Implementation) with a set of questions to seek their assessments and contributions for potential cases studies.

  This will likely need to be carried over into the next Annual Plan 2025/2026

Effectiveness of the GAC (Strategic Objective #2) 1/2

GAC Leadership Caretaker: **Zeina Bouharb (Lebanon)**

- On Track **2.1. Survey GAC Members and Observers** (annual or 6-monthly basis)

  Currently in development in the GAC Leadership, for possible launch of a first wave of questions after ICANN82 and data analysis before ICANN83.

  This will likely need to continue in the next Annual Plan 2025/2026 for subsequent waves of questions.

- On Track **2.2. Review/Update of the GAC Operating Principles**

  Ongoing discussion in the GAC of extension of tenures of the GAC Chair and Vice-Chairs

- On Track **2.3. Improvement and Development of GAC Advice-related Processes**

  GAC Assessment of ICANN Board Advice Scorecard and Comments on Issues of Importance: potential need to survey GAC Members' needs/preferences before developing process options

  GAC Communiqué Drafting: GAC Members review of and input on the Art of the GAC Communiqué towards future discussion of potential process evolutions or enhancements if needed. This was identified a possible theme of GAC survey questions.

Effectiveness of the GAC (Strategic Objective #2) 2/2

GAC Leadership Caretaker: **Zeina Bouharb (Lebanon)**

- On Track **2.4. GAC Implementation of Transparency and Accountability Recommendations (WS2 and ATRT3)**

  Per current work led by relevant Topic Leads/WG

- On Track **2.5. Increasing the level of engagement and participation in the GAC**
  (Regional GAC Coordination, volunteer roles and responsibilities, relevance of GAC Agenda, barriers to participation)

  Several regional GAC engagements in the EMEA and LAC regions since ICANN81.

  Need to encourage more regional collaboration/coordination on topics of interest with GE/GSE. GAC Leadership and Support staff worked on identifying barriers to participation and possible ways to address them. Pending survey of GAC membership on challenges/needs/priorities/preferences.

- On Track **2.6. GAC Onboarding and Capacity Development**
  (incl. Mentorship Program for new GAC Representatives)

  Onboarding ongoing per usual GAC Support activities. Capacity Development activities led by USRWG and in coordination with GAC Leadership and GAC members from the ICANN meetings region. GAC Leadership and GAC Support to consider whether to proceed with developing a Mentorship Program including a call for experienced GAC volunteers to serve as mentors in 2025.

GAC Leadership Caretaker: **Nigel Hickson (UK)**

- On Track **3.1. Role of GAC Consensus Advice and GAC Early Warnings in the processing of future New gTLD applications**
  - Necessary instruments for governments to identify and screen applications that raise public policy concerns.

  - Draft Section of Applicant Guidbook (AGB) submitted for public comment earlier this year. GAC members submitted a comment noting AGB language aligns with SubPro PDP WG final report recommendations.

- On Track **3.2. Public Interest and Voluntary Commitments by New gTLD Registry Operators**
  - The GAC expects that PICs and RVCs will continue to serve as tools for addressing GAC concerns pertaining to new gTLD applications during the next round.

  - GAC and Board agree on fundamental need for these to be enforceable. In light of its bylaws, ICANN is not in a position to enforce content restrictions

  - Fundamental Bylaws Amendments to explicitly enable the enforcement of content-related restrictions were considered carefully by Board and Community.
    They were not judged to be justified at this stage

  - Rules for PICs and RVCs being discussed in IRT and language is out for public comment.GAC members are reviewing draft language to determine if a GAC comment will be submitted.

Future Rounds of New gTLDs (Strategic Objective #3) 2/2

GAC Leadership Caretaker: **Nigel Hickson (UK)**

- On Track **3.3. Closed Generic gTLDs**
    - The GAC Advised the ICANN Board to ensure that the forthcoming Applicant Guidebook clearly states that Closed Generic gTLD applications will not be considered (GAC Hamburg Communiqué, 30 October 2023)
    - Following a facilitated dialogue which did not reach a mutually agreed upon framework, the ICANN Board determined that closed generic gTLD applications will not be permitted in this Round and not until such time as there is an approved methodology and criteria to evaluate whether or not a proposed closed domain is in the public interest

- On Track **3.4. Support of New gTLDs Applications from Underserved Regions**
    - To be discussed during ICANN82 GAC Plenary Session 10 (Sunday)

- Not Started **3.5. Documentation to enable GAC and governments' engagement with future rounds of New gTLDs** (Key Messages, GAC Advice implementation tracking, GAC Guidance document)
    - Still too early in the implementation process. Deliverables to be expected in 2025
    - For further discussion and possible carry over into the next GAC Annual Plan 2025/2026

DNS Abuse (Strategic Objective #4)

GAC Leadership Caretaker: **Thiago Dal Toe (Colombia)**

- On Track **4.1. Survey GAC members and observers on DNS Abuse matters**
  - Survey conducted between ICANN81 and ICANN82
  - Analysis of responses to be shared during the GAC plenary session on DNS Abuse (Tuesday 11 March 10:30)
  - Results to inform discussions and additional future outcomes (4.5)

- On Track **Work is progressing and will be discussed in GAC plenary on Tue. 11 March**
  - GAC Topic Leads are considering current developments and reports (4.3) including:
    - ICANN Compliance Enforcement Reports
    - ICANN OCTO Domain Metrica roll out
    - ICANN OCTO INFERMAL Final Report
    - DASC ccNSO Survey Results considered during ICANN81 GAC/ccNSO Bilateral (4.6)
  - This is expected to inform possible GAC recommendations and advice (4.2) as well as engagement with the Board and GNSO regarding the need for policy development (4.4)

Domain Registration Data (Strategic Objective #5)

GAC Leadership Caretaker: **Nico Caballero (GAC Chair)**

On Track (in terms of following-up, tracking, and urging)

- **Registration Data Policy (incl. Urgent Requests)** [Expected Outcomes 5.1.1, 5.1.2]
- **Registration Data Access** [Expected Outcome 5.2]
- **Privacy/Proxy Services Accreditation Policy**

(Potentially) Challenged:

- **Accuracy of Registration Data** [Expected Outcome 5.4]
  - Work of GNSO Accuracy Scoping Team suspended for 2+ years
  - GAC Small Group + PSWG proposed a GAC Input on "Threshold" questions as part of a consultation which aims to provide a foundation for the GNSO to decide on next steps

- **Collection and publication of registration information related to legal entities (Registration Data Policy)** [Expected Outcome 5.1.3]
  - No enforceable obligations from EPDP Phase 2A (GAC Minority Statement, 10 Sep. 2021)
  - No current venue for discussion of this issue

Next Steps: These topics are expected to be discussed in GAC Session 13 on Monday 10 March

Universal Acceptance (Strategic Objective #6) 1/2

GAC Leadership Caretaker: **Wang Lang (China)**

- On Track **6.1. Information of GAC Members**
  - Several events were targeted at the GAC and UA-interested audiences including the ICANN79 Briefing of the GAC UA Strategies and the Pre-ICANN82 UA Community Update.
  - The UA IDN WG met on 13 February.
  - Ongoing UASG Wiki Space and Training material available

- On Track **6.2. Government Support of Relevant Efforts**
  (*opportunities to support and promote UA locally, regionally and globall*y)
  - Governments and telecom regulators reported to have participated in UA Day 2024 events (UA Day 2024 Report, 20 June 2024)

TABLE 1: UA DAY 2024 PROPOSALS RECEIVED, SHORTLISTED AND ORGANIZED BY REGION

REGION	PROPOSALS	SHORTLISTED	ORGANIZED
AF	43	19	17
APAC	33	16	15
EUR	10	5	5
LAC	42	14	13
NA	5	2	2

Of these events, 21 events were organized by At-Large Structures (11 AF, 3 APAC, 6 LAC, 1 NA) and 11 were organized with the collaboration of country code top-level domains (ccTLDs) managers.

TABLE 2: UA DAY 2024 EVENTS BY TYPES AND REGION

EVENT TYPE	AF	APAC	EUR	LAC	NA	TOTAL
UA Regional Strategy	1	1	1	0	0	3
UA Academic Curricula	1	1	0	2	0	3
UA Adoption	3	3	0	4	0	12
UA Awareness	4	4	4	5	1	22
UA Technical Training	8	8	0	2	1	12

Universal Acceptance (Strategic Objective #6) 2/2

GAC Leadership Caretaker: **Wang Lang (China)**

- On Track **6.3. Engagement of the UASG** (dialogue and information exchange)
  - ICANN79 Joint meeting between GAC and UASG (and Briefing of the GAC on UA Strategies)
  - GAC Point of Contact to UASG (Egypt)

- On Track **6.4. Policy Development for Future New gTLDs**
  - The ICANN Board approved most of the GNSO's IDN EPDP Phase 1 recommendations (on topics related to top-level gTLD definition and variant management)
  - The Phase 2 Final Report (topics related to second-level variant management) was approved by the GNSO council in late 2024 and after a final Public Comment solicitation is now being considered by the ICANN Board.

- On Track **6.5. Cross-Community Collaboration**
  - ICANN and UNESCO announced (1 Oct. 2024) joining forces to champion UA Day 2025 (March-May 2025). The ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee (UAC) continues to hold regular meetings in furtherance of its work plan

- Not started **6.6. Registrar Readiness:** Potential Work Item for GAC UA-IDN WG.

Impact of New Technology on Unique Identifiers (S. Obj. #7)

GAC Leadership Caretaker: **Nico Caballero (GAC Chair)**

- On Track **7.1. Information Gathering and Issue Monitoring**
  - GAC Support staff in contact with ICANN's Office of the CTO for monitoring of relevant developments. GAC to continue engaging with SSAC during ICANN82 on impact of emerging technologies on the DNS. GAC Members flagging of issues and developments welcome.

- On Track **7.2. Artificial intelligence (AI)**
  - GAC and SSAC discuss DNS Abuse and AI during ICANN81

- On Track **7.3. Internet of things (IoT)**
  - No relevant development identified as it relates to IoT interplay with unique identifiers. GAC Members flagging of issues and relevant developments welcome.

- On Track **7.4. Blockchains**
  - [ICANN OCTO released 2 publications](#) (17 October 2024) on blockchains and their relationship to alternative naming systems. These were presented in an [webinar during ICANN81 Prep Week](#) (28 October 2024).
  - GAC and SSAC discussed Blockchain and the DNS during ICANN81

- On Track **7.5. Cryptography and security**
  - DNSSEC discussed with the ICANN Board on BGIG call (21 October 2024) in response to Issues of Importance in the [GAC Kigali Communiqué](#) (17 June 2024). GAC and SSAC to discuss quantum computing and impacts on existing encryption technologies during ICANN82 (Sun. 9 Mar. 16:30)

Internet Governance (Strategic Objective #8) 1/2

GAC Leadership Caretaker: **Christine Arida (Egypt)**

- On Track **8.1. Monitoring and Information Sharing** (WSIS+20, GDC and other relevant processes, ICANN Communication and Engagement Strategy, and GAC Webinars)
    - Global Digital Compact (GDC) adopted as part of a Pact of the Future by world leaders at the UN Summit of the Future (22 September 2024). GDC contains a section on IG.
    - ICANN launched the WSIS+20 Oureach Network which held several webinars and communicates via a mailing list.
    - Several ICANN webinars discussed Internet Governance, and the WSIS+20 Review and the future of the IGF (September-October 2024).
    - ICANN launched (4 Nov. 2024) an IG Advocacy Project, a social media campaign that aims to raise awareness and drive meaningful discussions about the future of the Internet
    - During ICANN81, several community and GAC discussion were held
    - A GAC Webinar "Shaping the Digital Future: WSIS+20 Review and the Future of Internet Governance" was held on 17 February 2025
        - Discussed plans and expectations of relevant international organizations regarding the WSIS+20 Review process for the coming year
        - Speakers included representatives from: UN DESA, UN ODET, UN CSTD, ITU, UNESCO, IGF MAG, Norway (as 2025 Host of IGF) and ICANN org.

Internet Governance (Strategic Objective #8) 2/2

GAC Leadership Caretaker: **Christine Arida (Egypt)**

- **8.2. Committee Consultation and Organization**
  - On Track **Consideration of a New GAC Small Group (8.2.1)**
    - GAC IG Small Group created following ICANN81. Open for interested participants.
  - On Track **Survey GAC Membership (8.2.2)**
    - GAC to consider conducting a similar exercise to what the [ccNSO IG Liasion Committee (IGLC)](#) does regionally
    - A survey of the GAC IG Small Group was conducted to collect feedback on the 17 Feb. webinar as well as topic of interest for information exchange in the GAC IG Group before ICANN83
  - On Track **ICANN org suggestion of potential topics based on ICANN activities (8.2.3)**
    - ICANN SO-AC Leadership formed an informal WSIS+20 discussion group. An update will be provided during the GAC plenary session on Tue. 11 Mar.
  - Complete **ICANN80 HLGM (8.2.4)**
    - Kigali HLGM discussions served to develop and share GAC views regarding WSIS+20 review and/or other matters of GAC interest in Internet Governance

Internet Number Resources (Strategic Objective #9)

GAC Leadership Caretaker: **Christine Arida (Egypt)**

- On Track **9.1. Information of GAC Members** (*on RIRs management of Internet unique identifiers, and allocation and registration policies and governance*)
  - GAC Mailing list exchange on ICANN ASO AC's 2024/2025 process of revising the Internet Coordination Policy 2 (ICP-2) and relevant regional activities
  - Public Comment Proceeding on Proposed ICP-2 (v2) Principles
  - Both topics discussed by the GAC during ICANN81 (CDW and GAC/ASO meeting)
  - Implementation and Assessment Procedures for ICP-2 Compliance to be discussed during the GAC/ICANN Board bilateral meeting during ICANN82

- On Track **9.2. Government Support of Relevant Efforts** (*identify opportunities and build capacity for governments, promote policies and best practices locally, regionally and globally*)
  - ICANN81 GAC Capacity Building Workshop
  - GAC members submitted input (individually/collectively) to the Public Comment Proceeding on Proposed ICP-2 (v2) Principles

- On Track **9.3. Cross-Community Collaboration** (*maintain ongoing dialogue and information exchange and engage with RIRs/ASO*)
  - ICANN81 GAC/ASO Bilateral meeting

Development of the GAC Annual Plan 2025/2026

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Annual Plan 2025/2026: Milestones To ICANN83

GAC Leadership Retreat

Endorsement of the **GAC Annual Plan (2025/2026)**

GAC Topic Leads Input

GAC Leadership Review

GAC Leadership + Topic Leads Finalization

GAC Review

ICANN82

28 March 2025

14-15 April 2025

2 May 2025

9 May 2025

ICANN83

9-12 June 2025

12 weeks