Evolution of the GAC and Its Support

Overview of GAC Working Method Evolution and Support Staff Changes

Implications for Public Comments

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Recent GAC Evolutionary Themes within ICANN

- GAC Work Method Evolution
- Staff Support Evolution

Evolution of GAC Working Methods

Several Thematic Changes

- Participant Demographics
 - 244 new participants since ICANN66 (3.5 years)
 - 77 new participants since ICANN74 (1 year)
 - 32 new participants just since ICANN76
- Private to Public
- Face-to-Face to Intersessional (and now hybrid)
- Pace of Policy Development
- "Leadership" Expansion (Vice Chairs, Topic Leads, Small Groups)
- GAC Input Expansion of Opportunities
 - Advice (Communiqué, etc.)(more programmatic)
 - Public Comments and Other Statements
 - Cross Community Groups and Policy Development Engagement

Evolution of GAC Support

Before - Independent Secretariat

- Funded by GAC Members
- Operations, Research and Advice
- Seven Staff (3 ACIG, 4 ICANN)
- Regular Interactions with ICANN Government Engagement Team

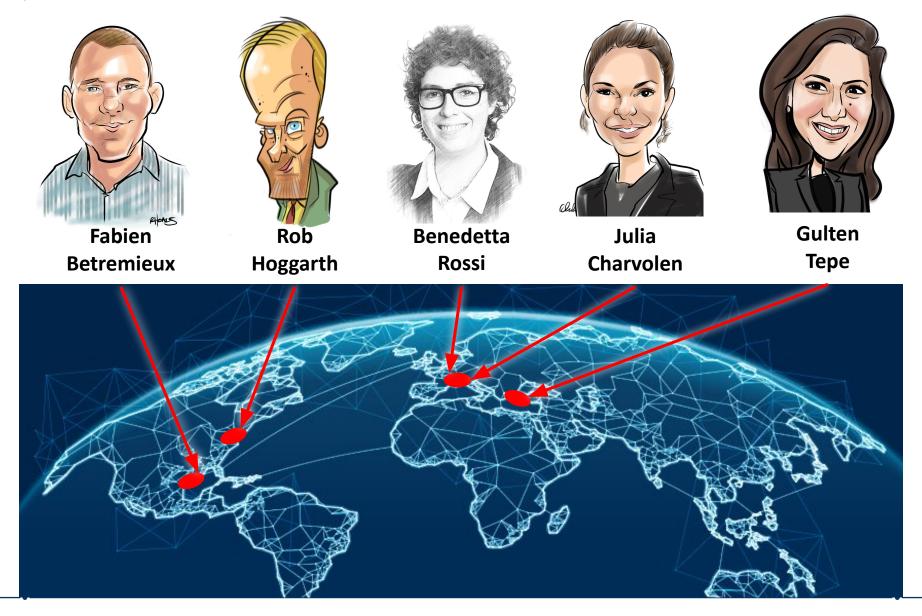
~ 2018 - Transition Necessitated

Now - ICANN org Staff Support

- Formal Transition at beginning of 2019
- Operational Support from ICANN Policy Support Function
- Five Operational Support staff
- Regular Interactions with ICANN Government Engagement Team

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GAC Support Staff



GAC Support Functions

- Operations and Processes for Committee, Leadership and Working Groups
 - Calendars
 - Meetings and Calls
 - Elections
 - Email Lists
- Tools
 - Website
 - Action Decision Radar
- Records
 - Membership
 - Transcripts
 - Travel Support/Guidelines
- Communications
 - Communiqué
 - Public Comments and Statements
 - Correspondence
 - Liaison function with ICANN org and other communities

Public Comment

ICANN Public Comment System https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment

- Format of forums (open, closed and upcoming)
- Timing of Forums (40 days standard)
- Methods for Input
 - Form Templates
 - Specific Questions
 - Structured Questions
 - Free Form
 - Tracking and summary reports

GAC Methodology

- Initial Guidance from Topic Leads/Small Groups and GAC Leadership
- Drafting
- Review
- Submission

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Next GAC Welcome Webinar

• 2 June 2023

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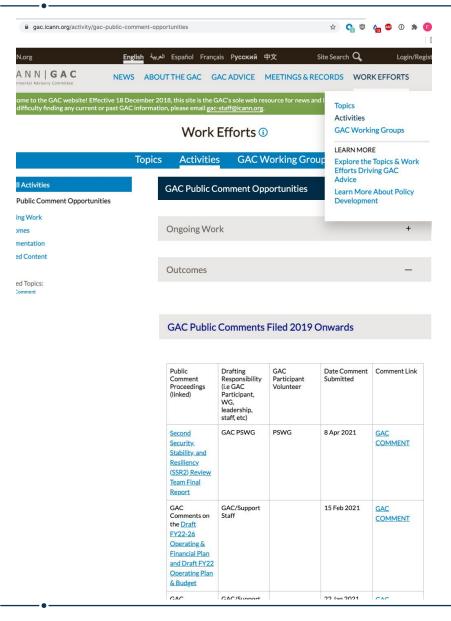


Evolution of GAC Communications/Collaboration

Collaborative Communications Have Expanded Over Last Few Years:

- Other ICANN Communities (SOs and ACs)
- Board/GAC Interaction Group (BGIG) collaboration and info exchanges on "Issues of Importance" and IGO Protections
- ICANN org Outreach
 - Senior Executive Information Calls on Specific "Hot" Topics (DNS Abuse)
 - Regular Intersessional CEO "1:1" with GAC Leadership
 Team
 - CEO-GAC Chair Calls as needed

Non-GAC Communiqué Positions



- 24 Comments & Statements since Feb. 2019
- Average length of 4227 words
 (compare to average for Communiqués since ICANN44 of 2820 words)
- Drafted by Topic Leads, submitted to full GAC review and non-objection
- On: Reviews, GNSO PDP Reports,
 ICANN Strategic/Operational Plans and
 Budgets, and various Community
 Consultations

Evolution of GAC Input

- Development Changes (e.g., ATRT Recs)
 - From Only at GAC Meetings to Sometimes Intersessional
 - Specificity Improvements (e.g., distinguishing between advice, follow-up to advice and issues of importance)
- Advice Assessment Changes
 - More Detailed Board Tools and Processes
 - Assessment of Advice (e.g., clarification call, correspondence follow-up)
 - Addressing Issues of Importance and other GAC "input"

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