

# GAC in Nomcom Working Group

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### Agenda

- Background
- Different scenarios of GAC participation in Nomcom
- Draft criteria revised by WG for comments
- Next steps

# Background: Composition of the Nomcom

## Present: 15 voting members

- 5 ALAC
- 7 GNSO
- 1 ccNSO
- 1 ASO
- 1 IAB(IETF)
- **3 non-voting members**
- **GAC (non voting)**
- SSAC
- RSSAC
- **1 non-voting Chair**
- **1 non-voting Chair-elect**
- **1 non-voting Associate Chair**

## New proposal expanded to 23 -25

- 5 ALAC
- 4 GNSO
- 5 ccNSO
- 5 ASO
- 1 IAB(IETF)
- **GAC: up to 3 voting members**
- SSAC
- RSSAC
- IETF (IAB)
- **1 non-voting Chair**
- **1 non-voting Chair-elect**
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# Leadership positions selected by Nomcom

- Board: 8 members (half of the ICANN Board)
- GNSO: 3 members
- ccNSO: 3 members
- ALAC: 3 members

# Challenges

- Equal footing for participation of Governments in ICANN
- Multistakeholder model
- Governmental perspective in the selection of the ICANN leadership roles
- Limitation: Confidentiality requirements for GAC representatives in the Nomcom
- Linked to a broader discussion about accountability and the balance participation of governments in ICANN

# Possible Scenarios for GAC Participation in NomCom

1. The Status Quo: Retain one non-voting position but do not fill it pending further developments
2. Fill the vacant position but limit it to simple reporting
3. Fill the vacant position and actively apply GAC-agreed criteria
4. Do not take up any position for the immediate future, but submit GAC-agreed criteria to the NomCom

# Draft GAC criteria

***The personal qualities and experience identified by the ICANN Board in its advice to the NomCom of October 2014.***

***RATIONALE: It is a matter of good public policy that ICANN operate efficiently and effectively. The criteria identified by the Board appear to be a reasonable set of operational requirements for this purpose.***

Are there more recent advice or know how frequently such an advice is issued?

# Personal qualities and experience

- Accomplished persons of integrity, objectivity, and intelligence, with reputations for sound judgment and open minds, and a demonstrated capacity for thoughtful group decision-making.
- Persons with an understanding of ICANN's mission and the potential impact of ICANN decisions on the global Internet community, and committed to the success of ICANN.
- Persons who will produce the broadest cultural and geographic diversity on the Board
- Persons who, in the aggregate, have personal familiarity with the operation of gTLD registries and registrars; with ccTLD registries; with IP address registries; with Internet technical standards and protocols; with policy-development procedures, legal traditions, and the public interest; and with the broad range of business, individual, academic, and non-commercial users of the Internet.
- <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/nomcom2016-procedures-2015-11-12-en#A2>

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***A record of achievement in the public sector, including with national or local government, public authorities or inter-governmental bodies.***

*RATIONALE:* Achievement and length of service is a better criterion for quality candidates. This could occur at different roles in the government, given the significant responsibilities of regional and local government in some countries.

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***An understanding and appreciation of advancing the public interest through building partnerships and consensus.***

***RATIONALE: Experience in the political process (as adviser or participant) tends to develop a consultative approach and a focus on what is both possible and workable.***

# Draft GAC criteria

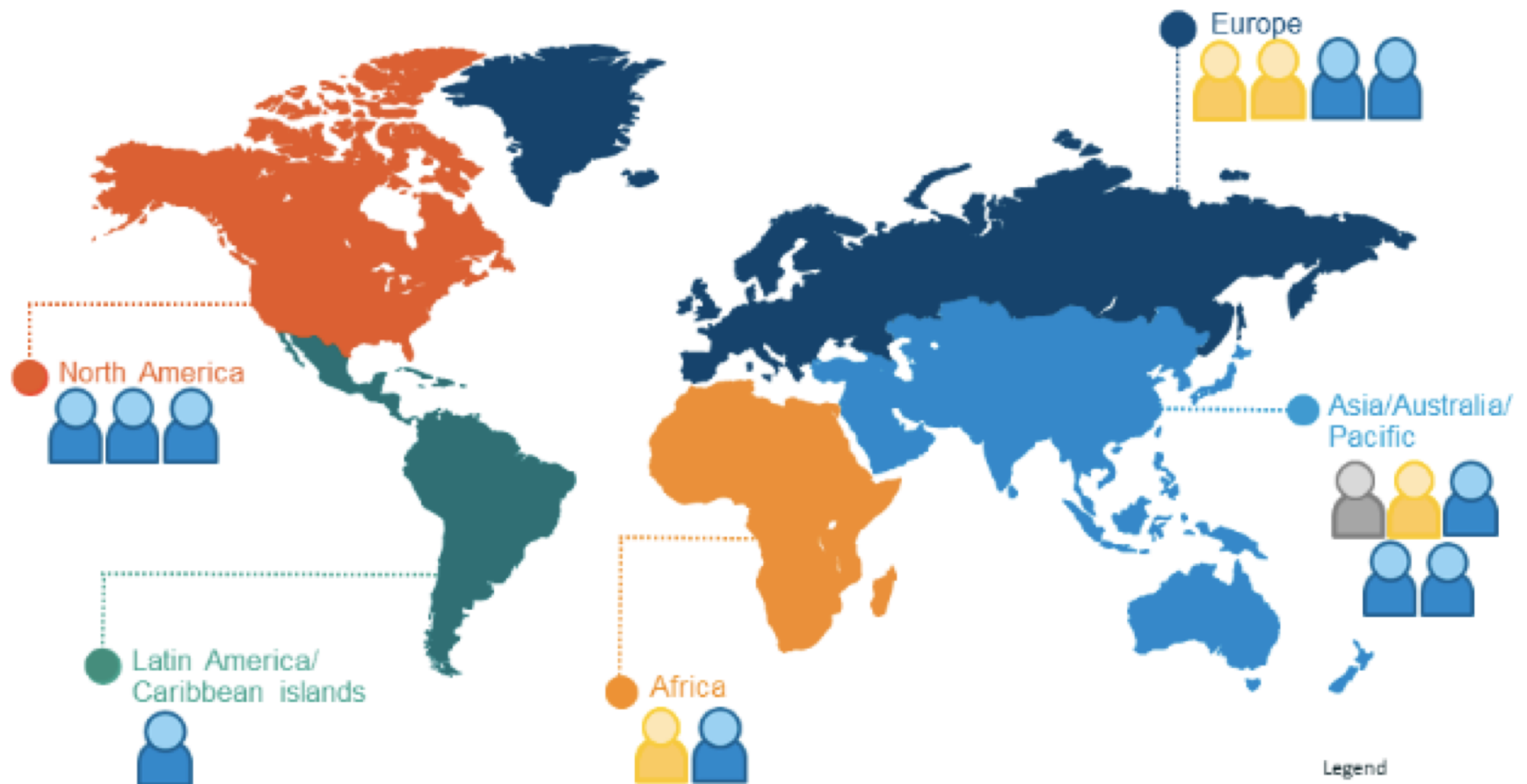
## ***Consider all aspects of diversity***

*RATIONALE:* *The By Laws include geographic and cultural diversity as criteria for Board composition. Gender and linguistic diversity are legitimate public policy goals, especially when applied to a global organisation that strives to be inclusive.*

*So all aspects of diversity should be considered.*

# 2015 ICANN Board – Geographic Diversity\*

Oct 2015 – Oct 2016



\*Not including ICANN's President and CEO

# Advice from ICANN Board on Board Skills (Oct 2014)

Of integrity, objectivity intelligence etc

With understanding of ICANN's mission

Who will bring broadest cultural and geographic diversity

Who, in aggregate, have personal familiarity with gTLDs, ccTLDs etc – policy development procedures, legal traditions and the public interest – broad range of Internet users

Directors in aggregate should have experience in:

- Board governance or equivalent experience in a med-sized org
- Board governance or equivalent in a non-profit org
- Working effectively with a globally distributed Board

Directors should have necessary attributes to:

- Engage in dialogue and express an opinion
- Participate in discussions in an informed manner
- Show mutual respect for colleagues
- Show awareness of different cultures and personalities
- Listen, assimilate and act appropriately
- Current Board – need for skills in executive management in an organisation the size of ICANN; regulatory and compliance frameworks; finance and audit procedures.

# ccNSO Criteria

For ccNSO Council appointments

- Strongly advise not to appoint members who are directly or indirectly associated with a ccTLD manager; nor Board member or employee of a Regional Organisation (to maintain the balance)
- Candidate should be able to commit sufficient time to ccNSO work

For Board appointments

- No specific advice.

# ALAC Criteria

## **Description 1 – Invitation for Statements of Interest Document**

- The 5 ALAC members selected by NomCom shall include one citizen of a country within each of the 5 ICANN regions
- Experience and skills in gathering, understanding and communicating the interests of individual users would be advantageous
- Basic knowledge of the DNS
- Time commitment – estimated

## **Description 2 – NomCom Leadership Positions document**

- Basic knowledge of the DNS
- Experience and skills in gathering, understanding and communicating the interests of individual users
- Consumer protection/advocacy
- Internet-related policy development
- Interest in and knowledge of Internet governance issues
- Leadership experience in DNS activities
- Ability to bring new perspectives
- Strong local networks - Ability and interest to work in a multicultural environment

# Next steps

- WG Definition of GAC criteria to share with GAC
- Feedback from GAC on scenarios of GAC participation in Nomcom
  - Which are the main barriers for GAC participation?
  - Are there other examples similar to the Nomcom where the government representatives participate? MAG? Others?
- Interacting with Nomcom members: meeting with new Nomcom Chair during ICANN57
- Others?