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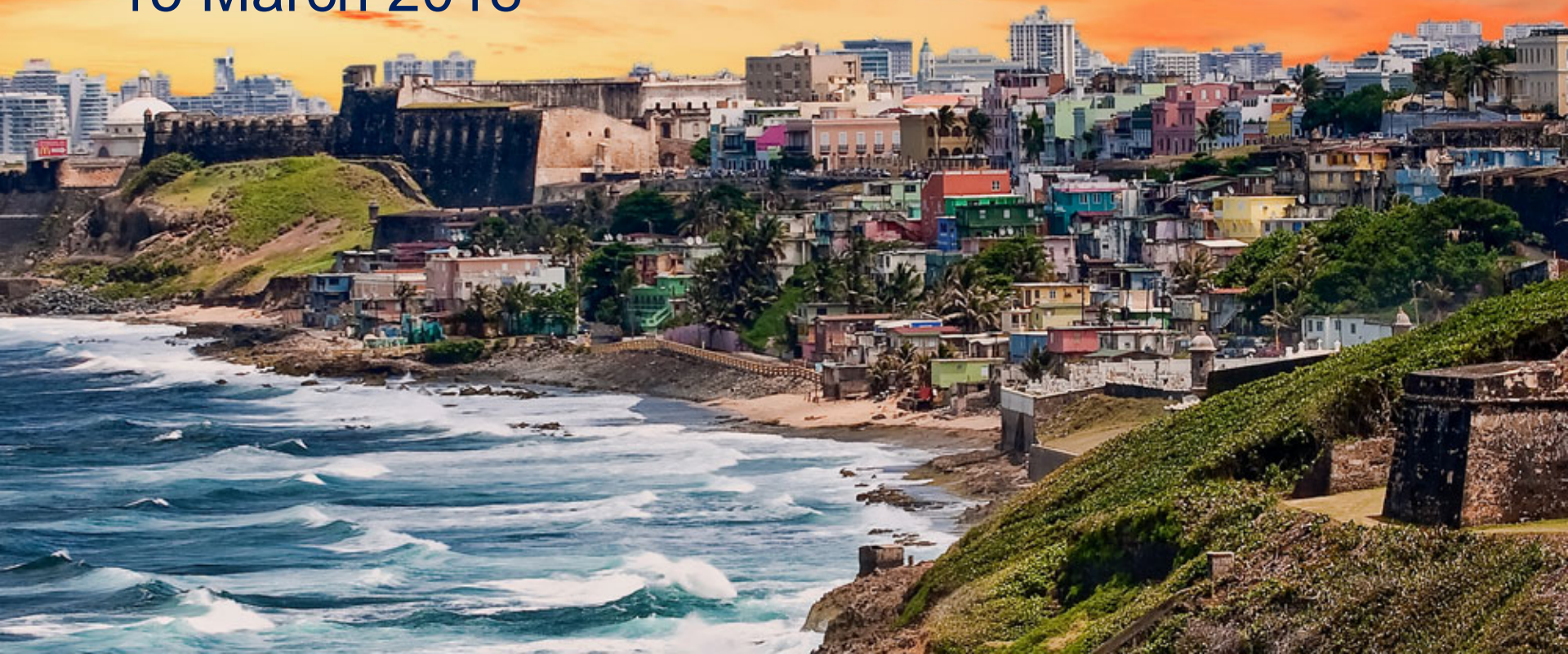
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**SAN JUAN**

10–15 March 2018

# High Level Government Meeting Update and Agenda Discussion

**15 March 2018**



# Session Goals:

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1. Provide Background on The High Level Government Meeting
2. Update GAC on Logistical Highlights (Date, Arrangements, Invitations)
3. Discuss Agenda Development
4. Review Next Steps, To Do's and Timeline

# 1. Background – What is the “HLGM”?

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- Approximately once every two years one of the GAC Members hosts a High Level Government Meeting (HLGM) in conjunction with an ICANN meeting and in addition to the usual GAC meeting.
- The concept grew out of recommendations made by previous Accountability and Transparency Review Teams (ATRT1 and ATRT2)
- Previous HLGM’s have taken place in Toronto (ICANN45), London (ICANN50) and Marrakesh (ICANN55).

# 1. Background – What is the “HLGM”?

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The HLGM provides the opportunity to:

- **Reaffirm the critical role that governments play** in providing advice to the ICANN Board on public-policy issues as it relates to the secure and stable functioning of the Domain Name System.
- **Enable all parties to gain a clearer understanding** of the role of governments in ICANN processes, including the GAC.
- **Discuss current public policy issues and challenges at very senior level.** These discussions can occur between government and government, as well as between governments and the ICANN leadership group.
- **Expose very senior administrative officials and senior elected officials** (Ministers, members of legislative bodies) **to ICANN**, allowing them to gain a greater understanding of the organization and the issues it deals with. In turn, this may lead to better support for and resourcing of GAC representatives within their home administrations.
- **Reach out** to administrations and governments who are not yet, or not currently, represented on the GAC or in other ICANN forums.

## 2. Logistical Highlights (Date, Arrangements, Invitations)

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- ICANN 63: 20 - 26 Oct 2018
- Venue: Barcelona International Convention Centre (CCIB)
  - Gala Dinner on the 24th October (Wednesday)
- HLGGM : 22<sup>nd</sup> October (Monday)
  - Lunch for Ministers, Head of Delegations and ICANN high officials
- Host invitations letters sent this week
  - Email will be sent in 7-10 days and CC'ed to GAC delegates



# 3. Agenda Development – Road To “0.9”

## *Step 1 - Abu Dhabi and Invite*

- Role of the Domain Name System in combatting cybercrime. Challenges for the privacy of registrants.
- Stocktaking of the 2012 new gTLD round: expectations and outcomes.
- ICANN after the IANA transition: assessment of the resulting organization and pending issues.
- Value-added of Governments and intergovernmental organizations' participation in ICANN. Views from the Governments' and ICANN's side.
- DNS evolution in the light of cybersecurity, blockchain technologies and Internet of Things.

## *Step 2 - “Pillars” Version*

- ICANN Post-IANA Stewardship Transition
- Introduction of new gTLDs
- Cybercrime and Privacy
- The Future of the Internet

## *Step 3 - GAC Development of Version “0.9”*

- GAC Member Discussions in San Juan

# 3. Agenda Considerations – San Juan

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- Open Discussion/suggestions on Topics or Theme from GAC membership
- Understanding of Process for Finalization of Agenda

## 4. HLGM Planning – Next Steps, To Do's and Timeline

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- Further development of Agenda “0.9” – Completion before ICANN62
  - Circulate revisions to GAC membership via mail
  - Confirmed by Host and GAC leadership
- Coordination and Support of Invitations By GAC Representatives:
  - Confirm delivery of invitations to appropriate parties
  - Reach out to High Level Officials and make case for attendance in Barcelona.
  - Assist with RSVP information (informing organizers asap)
  - Planning attendance
  - Coordinate interest in any speaking roles for your official
- Start visa arrangements as soon as possible
- Further Planning Discussions at ICANN62



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**Thank You**

