High Level Government Meeting Update and Agenda Discussion

15 March 2018
Session Goals:

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”?

- 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”?

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)

- ICANN 63: 20 - 26 Oct 2018

- Venue: Barcelona International Convention Centre (CCIB)
  - Gala Dinner on the 24th October (Wednesday)

- HLGM: 22nd 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

• 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

- 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
Thank You