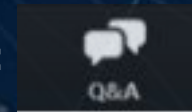# ICANN 68 | VIRTUAL POLICY FORUM

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GAC Wrap-up and Preparation for ICANN69

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Session Agenda

- ◉ GAC Working Group Updates:

  - ○ Universal Acceptance - IDN WG, Rahul Gosain
  - ○ Under-Served Regions WG, Pua Hunter

- ◉ GAC 2020 Leadership Elections Information Announcement

- ◉ Follow up discussions on ICANN68 topics or issues (as needed)

- ◉ ICANN68 Virtual - Feedback

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GAC Working Group Updates (UA-IDN WG)

Universal Acceptance and IDN Working Group

- WG Work Plan Discussions since ICANN67

  - Plan Ideas for Remainder of 2020

  - Potential Messages for Governments/Public Authorities
    - From social inclusion/equity & diversity/bridging of the Digital Divide standpoint
    - From business case standpoint

  - Recent UA Case studies, particularly ICANN case study

  - Potential Universal Acceptance Update Webinar for GAC Members

- Top Priorities Identified by the WG include:

  - Develop a basic UA introductory information document to share with GAC members and their government colleagues about UA and UA issues; and

  - Awareness building among and communications to governments on UA-IDN matters

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Additional Work:

- Collaboration with the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG)

  - Communications strategies (e.g., webinars, etc.)
  - Case studies review

- Terms of Reference

  - Original draft shared prior to ICANN67

  - Finalize with full GAC post-ICANN68

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GAC Travel Support Rules (1/2)

<u>Eligibility and selection criteria</u>

- Leading position in the GAC

The substantial change to the selection criteria section relative to giving priority to GAC Members with a leadership position, for instance a GAC vice-chair or leading role in a GAC Working Group. (section 4.1.1.9)

- Gender balance

The GAC Travel Support request notification email will be amended to reflect the matter of gender balance raised by members of the USRWG.

- Application scoring (section 4.2)

Designed to objectively measure certain criteria for each support request to allow the administrative staff to score and rank each applicant, the application scoring criteria has been developed similarly to the <u>Fellowship Applicant Selection Criteria</u>.

GAC Working Group Updates (USRWG)

GAC Travel Support Rules (2/2)

Applicant requirements and due diligence

- Additional information on reason for requesting travel support (section 4.1.3.1)

The purpose is for the GAC Selection Committee to get a better understanding of what a GAC member requesting travel support wishes to accomplish when attending a meeting.

- Complete designated courses online/offline (section 4.1.3.2)

The goal is to enable the Selection Committee and Support staff to gauge what may be the level of knowledge on certain topics that would be discussed at F2F Meetings, and what can be done to best support GAC Members in preparation for the meeting.

- Confirm eligibility to travel (section 4.1.3.3)

Such requests may be made in order to mitigate the number of late cancellations.

- GAC sessions attendance (4.1.3.4)

GAC Members are expected to attend at a minimum GAC plenary sessions, with the caveat that a GAC Member is expected to intervene at a community session, for instance, Fellowship day or a community WG session.

- **Target for GAC review and approval after ICANN68 Policy Forum (July 2020)**

GAC Working Group Updates (USRWG)

- **GAC USRWG work plan**

  - Update required to reflect more timely activities
  - New initiatives due to COVID-19 situation
    - Virtual Capacity Building Workshops
      - Post ICANN68 workshops
      - PITA event (Pacific region)
      - Seek members input and needs for future workshops (per region)
    - Enhance and promote ICANN Learn courses
    - ICANN onboarding and potential mentorship program
    - Collaborate with SO/ACs on common issues of interest
    - Continue cooperation with Government Engagement and Global Stakeholder Engagement Teams

- **USRWG [activities page](#)**

GAC 2020 Leadership Elections

- GAC leadership elections process begins here at ICANN68 and concludes at ICANN69 (17-22 October 2020)

- Open seats: GAC Chair and 5 GAC Vice Chairs

- Nomination period from ICANN68 until 02 September 2020

- The GAC Chair and three (3) of the current Vice Chairs are eligible for re-election

- Nominations as well as self-nominations are possible

- More than one nomination for GAC Chair will require a balloting period

- More than five nominations for Vice Chairs will require a balloting period

- If balloting is needed - online tool utilized (Tally)

- Nominations should be made by email to gac-staff@icann.org with a copy to the GAC list

- Staff will send an email confirmation to the nominator that the nomination has been recorded

GAC 2020 Leadership Elections (cont.)

- If third party nomination, staff will also verify that the nominee is willing to stand for election

- GAC website election page will track all nominations

- When the nomination period has closed, staff will inform the GAC by email about the list of nominees for the open positions – and clarify whether balloting is necessary.

- Tally has been used by GAC for the 2017 and 2019 elections and GNSO for more than 7 years for elections and voting on documents

- Tally system is based on the electorate being identified by email addresses

- Default assumption that the <u>first named representative (and email address)</u> on the website entry for the GAC Member will be the voting delegate

- Important that all GAC Members check their entries and notify <u>gac-staff@icann.org</u> <u>if another listed individual and/or another email address</u> should be used

- Staff will confirm receipt of such notifications by email

GAC 2020 Leadership Elections

Important Dates:

- Nomination period begins with ICANN68 (25 June) ending 02 September 2020

- Balloting period – if necessary, 25 September through 20 October 2020 (ending during ICANN69)

- New Terms begins – 25 March 2021 (after ICANN70)

Follow up discussions on ICANN68 Topics or Issues (as needed)

Pending deadlines:

- [CCWG: New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group Final Report](#) sent to Chartering Orgs
  - 27 July 2020

- [Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3) Final Report](#)
  - 31 July 2020

- [Enhancing the Effectiveness of the ICANN Multistakeholder Model - Next Steps](#)
  - 2 August 2020

- GAC experience during ICANN68 sessions
  - GAC Communique production
  - Interpretation platform
  - Number of cross-community plenary and GAC sessions
  - Time zone
  - Other identified sessions or planning matters

- ICANN69 Virtual AGM preparation
  - SO/AC Leads kick off meeting (post-ICANN68)