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ICANN71 - GAC Preparation for Meetings with the ICANN Board, GNSO and ALAC

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Session Goals (GAC Chair)

- Background to GAC Members regarding GAC Bilateral Meetings with Board, GNSO and ALAC at ICANN Public Meetings
- Review and Confirm or Revise GAC Topics, Questions and Statements to ICANN Board, GNSO and ALAC



Background (GAC Chair)

1. GAC Bilateral Meetings with other community groups are an important and regular feature of ICANN Public Meetings
2. While the GAC held regular meetings with several different community groups during face-to-face public meetings, over the last 18 months the virtual meeting format has required a more focused approach to maintaining the Board, GNSO and ALAC interactions.
3. These bilateral meetings have remained important regular interaction points to preserve and expand useful GAC connections with the Board, GNSO and ALAC. They can provide a useful venue to highlight and emphasize areas that are likely to be in the GAC Communiqué.
4. Recently, the GAC has begun to employ a more targeted “topical/Q&A” agenda approach for these meetings which necessitates focused GAC preparation, discussion and coordination prior to the individual sessions.

Session Agenda

- Board Meeting preparation
- GNSO Meeting preparation
- ALAC Meeting preparation

Board-GAC Preliminary Meeting Agenda

Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 15 June at 1430 UTC

A. Introductions

B. Discussion of Identified Topic Areas

- Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs
- Registration Data/WHOIS/GDPR Matters
- DNS Abuse
- CCT and SSR2 Recommendations; and
- ICANN Return to In-Person Meetings

C. AOB

Topic - Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs

- GAC Chair and Topic Leads to Introduce
- Overview Comments from ICANN CEO
- *Questions or Potential Discussion* – Overarching/General discussion of expectations for the next round of new gTLDs and noting recent community (and GAC) comment regarding the latest GNSO “outputs”.

Topic - Registration Data/WHOIS/GDPR Matters

- GAC Chair and Topic Leads to Introduce

Possible Topic Targets

- The Timeline for SSAD Implementation
Question or Potential Discussion - GAC Members could ask specifically about the status of the SSAD ODP in light of the 25 March Board decision on this matter:
- Measures to Address Issues Identified in the EPDP Phase Two Final Report by the GAC in the ICANN70 Communique
It has been noted that it might be useful to wait for the GAC's further consideration of the Board Scorecard on the ICANN70 advice which may lead GAC Members to ask more pertinent and focused questions.
- Distinction between Legal vs. Natural Persons in gTLD Registration Data (EPDP Phase 2A) and Accuracy of gTLD Registration Data (Expected GNSO Scoping Team)
Question or Potential Discussion – The GAC may follow-up with the Board on these matters once the outcome of ongoing deliberations in EPDP Phase 2A (regarding Legal vs. Natural) and in the GNSO Council (regarding a scoping of Accuracy issues) are clearer.

Topic - DNS Abuse

- GAC Chair and Topic Leads to Introduce

Question or Potential Discussion - During ICANN71, the GAC is expected to seek clarity from the ICANN Board on the next steps it expects are needed to address the issue(s) in this area.



Topic - Review Recommendations Follow-Up

GAC Chair and Topic Leads to Introduce

[CCT Review Recommendations](#)

Question or Potential Discussion – The GAC will seek an update from the Board on the development of a “tracker document” to report/assess follow-up on relevant CCT Review recommendations (as referenced in the GAC Communique from ICANN70)

[SSR2 Recommendations](#)

Question or Potential Discussion - An update from the Board on how the SSR2 recommendations are being considered or might be addressed going forward

Topic - ICANN Return to In-Person Meetings

- GAC Chair to Introduce

Question or Potential Discussion – Discuss ideas and efforts to ensure diverse and active participation at ICANN Public Meetings as the organization returns to physical meetings.

GNSO - GAC Meeting Agenda

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 16 June at 0700 UTC

Agenda (confirmed)

- Follow-up to ICANN 70:
 - EPDP/SSAD and Phase 2A;
 - Accuracy;
 - DNS Abuse;
- CCT-Review and GNSO take on pending recommendations (especially those passed by the Board to GNSO) and potential common ask to Board re common tracking tool of all Review Team recommendations
- SubPro and/or issues coming out of GNSO Council
- AOB

GNSO - Follow-Up to ICANN70

EPDP/SSAD:

- Regarding the SSAD, the GAC awaits an progress update from ICANN org on the ODP.
- Regarding the implementation of the policy recommendations adopted by the GNSO in Phase 1 of the EPDP, the GAC is interested in the resumption of implementation of the Privacy/Proxy Accreditation policy recommendation (PPSAI). This is consistent with GAC Advice in the ICANN64 Kobe Communiqué, and subsequent follow-up on that advice in the ICANN65 Marrakech and ICANN66 Montréal Communiqués.

Phase 2A:

GAC representatives in the EPDP Phase 2A have raised several process observations following the recent publication of the Initial Report:

- Timeline constraints have not been helpful in supporting the EPDP's work
- There were too many substantive changes at the end of the drafting process of the Initial Report and not enough time for the EPDP team to review the proposed edits. Brand new questions, and changes with short turnaround times before publication, as low as 24 hours 24h, should not be allowed.
- A document management system should be adopted to avoid too many documents being created too frequently. The number of documents should be reduced and their access centralized. This is deemed to directly impact the effectiveness of the EPDP Team's work.

GNSO - Follow-Up to ICANN70

Accuracy Scoping Effort:

- It should be noted that GAC concerns with accuracy of domain name information refer to the registration information itself and how it corresponds to the registrant of the domain name, and with the accuracy of that information for the purposes for which it is processed.
- In that context, the focus of further studies on this matter should concentrate on the accuracy of the domain name information.

DNS Abuse:

The GAC would welcome an update from the GNSO about what Community work it envisions to conduct on these issues in light of the recent SAC115 Report and SSR2 Review Team Recommendations.



GNSO - CCT Review

- While the GAC found the feedback from the GNSO interesting, and in places constructive, it is not that clear how it takes us forward with respect to the key concerns elucidated in the GAC Communique from ICANN70.
- In particular on the issue of the CCT Review and Subsequent Rounds of New gTLD, the GNSO seemed to reiterate previous GNSO Council positions and did not address the substantive issues clearly identified by the GAC's advice, in terms of the adoptions of (relevant) CCT Review Recommendations *ahead* of the next round of New gTLDs.
- Question 1: Given decisions not to address certain relevant issues in the SubPro work, does the GNSO intend to opine on those Recommendations that might require PDP processes, especially given the duration of such ?
- Question 2: The GAC asked the Board in its ICANN 70 Communique for a “*a tracking tool that identifies the status of each Recommendation in terms of who is taking it forward, how it will be implemented and when it is expected to be completed, particularly in regard to Recommendations attributed to the Organisation and the ICANN Community (in addition to the Board).*” Would the GNSO Council agree on such a tool being made available by ICANN Org on the CCT Review recommendations, and possibly also other review team recommendations?

GNSO - Subsequent Procedures

As a point of information, GAC would like to draw the attention of the GNSO Council to the input the GAC has filed in the recently finalized public comment period opened by the Board:

[\[Comments-gnso-gtld-subsequent-procedures-final-outputs-22apr21\] GAC Comment: GNSO New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Final Outputs for ICANN Board Consideration](#)



ALAC - GAC Meeting Agenda

Meeting scheduled for Thursday 17 June at 0700 UTC

- I. Introductions (5 minutes)
- II. Subsequent Rounds/Procedures for New gTLDs (20 minutes)
- III. Registration Data Services (20 minutes)
- IV. Potential Future Committee Collaborations (15 minutes) –
 - Internet Governance
 - DNS Abuse
 - ATRT3



ALAC - Subsequent Rounds

II. Subsequent Rounds/Procedures for New gTLDs (20 minutes)

What are latest developments and what is each committee doing about the issues at the moment?

Potential Follow-up topic Question(s) for GAC Members to Discuss

- Described at a fundamental level, what are two or three fundamental goals that the GAC is trying to achieve regarding the next round of New gTLDs?
- How do governments believe the next round will/could impact their citizens?

Potential Follow-up topic Question(s) for At Large Members to Discuss

- What are end users looking for regarding a new round of gTLD applications.
- How can those expectations be met by ICANN?

ALAC - Registration Data Services

III. Registration Data Services (20 minutes)

What are latest developments and what is each committee doing about the issues at the moment?

Potential Follow-up topic Question(s) for GAC Members to Discuss

- Described at a fundamental level, what are two or three fundamental goals that the GAC is currently trying to achieve regarding ICANN implementation of the GDPR?
- How do governments believe that implementation of new privacy laws will impact the use of the Internet by their citizens?
- How/Can those protections be applied across borders?

Potential Follow-up topic Question(s) for At Large Members to Discuss

- What are end users hoping to see as a result of new registration and data privacy protections as they are assessed and implemented by ICANN?
- What is the stronger interest for end users – protection of personal data or the ability to battle bad actors?
- Are those goals necessarily exclusive?

ALAC - Potential Future Collaboration

IV. Potential Future Committee Collaborations (15 minutes) – (time permitting)

- Internet Governance – Summarize and issue spotting derived from community Internet Governance discussions at ICANN71
- DNS Abuse - Idea of committee collaboration on DNS Abuse info/education/content production. Potential reaction from GAC topic leads.
- ATRT3 - Update on ALAC attention to review recommendations. Potential reaction from GAC Chair.

