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GAC Meeting with the ALAC

09:00 10:00 UTC

28 October 2025

Agenda

1. **Welcome and Opening Comments** - Jonathan Zuck, ALAC Chair and Nico Caballero, GAC Chair (5 minutes)
2. **DNS Abuse enforcement trends and transparency (15 minutes)**
 - a. ALAC Speaker(s) : Jonathan Zuck and Justine Chew
 - b. GAC Speaker: Martina Barbero
3. **Reviews of Reviews - Status Update (20 minutes)**
 - a. ALAC Speaker(s): Avri Doria and Jonathan Zuck
 - b. GAC Speaker: Manal Ismail
4. **ASP Mid-Program Assessment (statement of overall review of program) (15 minutes)**
 - a. ALAC Speaker: Avri Doria
 - b. GAC Speaker: Tracy Hackshaw
5. **Closing** - Jonathan Zuck, ALAC Chair and Nico Caballero, GAC Chair (5 minutes)

DNS Abuse Enforcement Trends and Transparency

ALAC Speaker(s) : Jonathan Zuck and Justine Chew

GAC Speaker: Martina Barbero, European Commission

DNS Abuse Enforcement Trends and Transparency (ALAC)

- **ICANN Contractual Compliance on 2024 DNS Abuse Contractual Amendments**
 - Appears to be effective in supporting multifaceted enforcement approach of complaint-driven investigation and audit-related actions
 - Claims to have mitigated nearly 20,000 malicious domain names between 5 Apr 2024 and 5 Aug 2025
 - Focuses on remediation plans related to DNS Abuse requirements
 - All these are curative measures, not preventive
 - Thresholds for action by Compliance unclear
- **Upcoming GNSO Policy Development on DNS Abuse Mitigation**
 - Expect to complement with preventive measures - (1) Unrestricted API access; and (2) Associated Domain Checks

DNS Abuse Enforcement Trends and Transparency (GAC)

Evidence on enforcement of contract amendments and transparency on how DNS abuse is addressed can help with identification of remaining gaps and facilitate discussions on possible policy efforts.

- **Enforcement Trends**

- ICANN compliance data on enforcement is useful to understand impact of the contract amendments although has limitations (double-triple counting, limited scope, quality...)
 - 20.000 domain names mitigated / 400 investigations
 - huge variations in data: 854 complaints for registrars 06/2025 vs 218 in 09/2024
- GAC Topic Leads suggested a few possible improvements to ICANN compliance to make the evidence more useful/readable
- Main issue: difficult to draw conclusions on trends/patterns or interpret the data

- **Transparency**

- Topic high on GAC agenda since the Contract Amendments negotiations (see GAC public comment)
- Further work could be carried out in this area and could come to strengthen the contractual obligations and possible new policy development.

Review of Reviews

ALAC Speaker(s) : Avri Doria and
Jonathan Zuck

GAC Speaker: Manal Ismail, Egypt

Reviews of Reviews (ALAC)

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Avri and Jonathan

Reviews of Reviews (GAC)

- Relation to GAC Strategic Objective 1 on Role for Governments in ICANN
- Discussion on “Draft Purpose of Reviews”, also in light of Community Plenary 1/2

ASP Mid-Program Assessment

ALAC Speaker : Avri Doria

GAC Speaker: Tracy Hackshaw, UPU

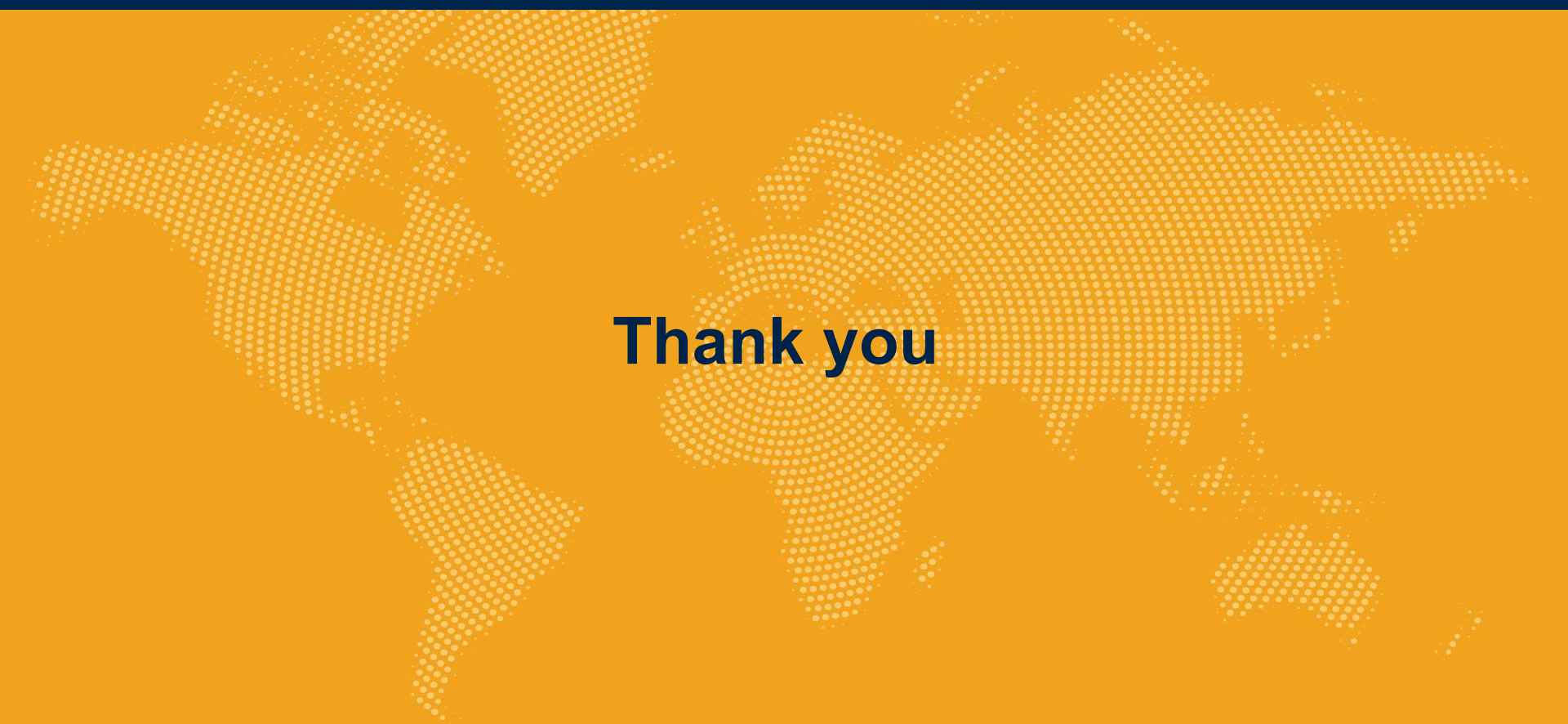
ASP Mid-Program Assessment (ALAC)

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Applicant Support Program

Introduction and Recent Developments - Tracy Hackshaw

- Since ICANN83, the GAC has continued to follow the ASP closely and engaged with the Board (via the Board Clarifying Call on the ICANN83 Communiqué and BGIG Meeting), and ALAC.
- The GAC and At-Large submitted a letter to the ICANN Board (15 August 2025) requesting an expedited review of the Applicant Support Program (ASP) in light of its critical role in ensuring equitable participation in the Next Round of New gTLDs.
- The two committees shared concerns about the program's current trajectory, particularly given the limited time remaining in the application window and the low representation from underserved regions.
- On October 6th, ICANN [announced](#) that it had extended the submission deadline for the ASP to allow more time for applicants to complete the application process.
- Entities that enter information in the system by 19 November 2025 will now have until 19 December 2025 to submit a complete application.



Thank you