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Board/GAC Joint Meeting

Tuesday, 10 March - 1500 Local Time

SESSION #16

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Review of GAC Replies to Board Questions
3. Review of GAC Topics/Questions for the Board
4. AOB (time permitting)
5. Closing

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Board - GAC Meeting - Board Topics - Overview

1. From your perspective, what is the top emerging trend that may impact ICANN that you think the Board should consider?
2. How is your group participating in the Review of Reviews Cross Community Group and what are your thoughts on how the proposals to date are evolving reviews to be more fit for purpose and sustainable? In particular, would you share your views on the respective roles of self-assessment (as in the Continuous Improvement Program) and contemplated assessment of SOs and ACs by the broader community in the context of a Reviews program?

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- 1. From your perspective, what is the top emerging trend that may impact ICANN that you think the Board should consider?*

Among the broad array of important ICANN-related matters that governments have identified in the GAC's latest annual plan (2025/2026), the GAC intends to serve as a forum to provide its members with information about WSIS+20 matters and the follow-up activities from that process (see GAC Strategic Objective #8) so that GAC Members can contribute as individual governments.

GAC follow-up question to Board -

Consistent with the ICANN Strategic Plan, how does ICANN Board/Org intend to contribute to the implementation of the WSIS+20 outcomes - considering the evolving geopolitical setting? What are specific priorities for ICANN and/or actions ICANN intends to undertake?

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2. How is your group participating in the Review of Reviews Cross Community Group and what are your thoughts on how the proposals to date are evolving reviews to be more fit for purpose and sustainable?

GAC Feedback:

Two (2) members of the CCG are from the GAC (one of which is co-chairing)

The GAC welcomes the CCG's outreach and inclusiveness efforts, allowing active participation by observers and outreaching to members of past Review Teams and welcomes the approach to maintain successes of past reviews, build on work of ATRT3 and be forward-looking for sustainability. The GAC will continue to participate in the CCG, with special interest in:

- How important reviews such as SSR and CCT will be accommodated in the refreshed proposal
- How the overall cadence and workload will look like after compiling all Reviews on one timeline, and
- How the final proposal will be driven by a functional approach, taking care that each review has a distinct function and a clear added-value, be mindful of resources, and communicated in clear, plain language enabling those unfamiliar with ICANN to understand how the review system works.

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2. (Cont.) In particular, would you share your views on the respective roles of self-assessment (as in the Continuous Improvement Program) and contemplated assessment of SOs and ACs by the broader community in the context of a Reviews program?

GAC Feedback:

The GAC conducted a session regarding the CCG RoR on Sunday and was briefed on the CIP Framework during a session on Saturday. Individual GAC Members may express views on this question.

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GAC Feedback on the CCG (cont.):

GAC Follow-Up Questions:

Does the Board have any initial thoughts on:

- How the CCG proposals are evolving to date, and
- Whether the Board should undertake a CIP in accordance with the CIP principles, similar to other parts of the community?

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1. Future GAC Contributions to the ICANN Nominating Committee
2. Registration Data Matters –
 - a. RDRS/SSAD
 - b. (i) Urgent Requests and (ii) Law Enforcement Authentication
 - c. Accuracy of Registration Data
3. Mandatory DNS Abuse Reporting by Registries and Registrars
4. Root Server Governance

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Board - GAC Meeting - GAC Topics/Questions

Topic 1. Future GAC Contributions to the ICANN Nominating Committee

Question:

With the impending 2026 application round for new gTLDs and increases in the number of related ICANN policy, implementation and operational priorities, the scope and pace of ICANN work seems to be increasing. Where does ICANN Board/Org stand regarding the consideration that future ICANN Board membership commitments may entail a very heavy workload in terms of time and meetings (around 50% in terms of FTE), which may have an effect on the available pool of candidates, and hence, on the diversity and balance of the Board?

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Topic 2(a). Registration Data Request Service/System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (RDRS/SSAD)

Statements:

- The GAC continues to share the Board's vision for an enhanced and permanent RDRS, including mandatory participation for gTLD registrars, as addressed in the RDRS Policy Alignment Analysis.
- The GAC urges ICANN to proceed quickly with next steps and to develop timelines for achieving the various components of this vision.

Question:

- What steps will the Board take to expeditiously advance work toward these outcomes?

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Topic 2(b). Urgent Requests / Law Enforcement Authentication

(i) Urgent Requests

Statement:

The GAC looks forward to finalization of the urgent requests policy language, including the timeline for Contracted Parties to respond to urgent requests within 24 hours, in the absence of certain exceptional circumstances.

Question:

When does the Board expect to adopt final policy language regarding the urgent requests timeline?

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Topic 2(b). Urgent Requests / Law Enforcement Authentication

(ii) Law Enforcement Authentication

Statement:

The GAC supports the ongoing work of its Public Safety Working Group (PSWG) to develop law enforcement authentication mechanisms.

The PSWG-convened Law Enforcement Authentication Practitioners' Group is open to interested participants. The intent of this group is to discuss the existing and/or aspirational Identity Provider mechanisms for law enforcement agencies to authenticate to ICANN operated services (such as RDRS).

Question:

The Board indicated at ICANN84 that it saw a path for integrating consideration of authentication mechanisms into the Registration Data Policy without further policy development. Can the Board expand on the path it sees to accomplish this?

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Topic 2(c). Registration Data Matters - Accuracy of Registration Data

Background:

In light of continuing concerns that the current 15-day post-registration verification period is creating a potential security gap, this matter intersects both the Registration Data Accuracy recommendations and ongoing DNS Abuse policy work.

Question:

How is the Board foreseeing to look into this important matter?

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Topic 3. Mandatory DNS Abuse Reporting by Registries and Registrars

Question:

Will the ICANN Board consider establishing a mandatory, uniform reporting framework requiring Registries and Registrars to periodically report DNS abuse complaints received, actions taken, and resolution timelines to ICANN, and further explore the creation of a centralized ICANN-maintained reporting portal to ensure transparency, comparability of data, and improved enforcement of contractual obligations?

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Topic 4. Root Server Governance

Question:

GAC Members had asked to identify this topic as a “placeholder” for potential discussion in Mumbai - time permitting and pending conversations with RSSAC (on Sunday 8 March) to seek the Board’s views on deliverables and future steps related to Root Server Governance.

Thank you!

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