

GAC Meeting with GNSO Council

Session 9

18 October 2026

Agenda

1. Introductory Remarks (GAC Chair/GNSO Chair) [5 minutes]
2. DNS Abuse [15 minutes]
3. 15 Day Verification/Accuracy [15 minutes]
4. SSAD (System for Standardized Access/Disclosure) [10 minutes]
5. Next Steps on Common Priorities [10 minutes]
6. AOB [5 minutes]

DNS Abuse

- **GAC Talking Points/Questions:**

GNSO to provide an update on PDP1 progress/current status and the PDP2 Charter, including any information available on anticipated timing/next steps.

- PDP1: The GAC greatly appreciates the effective and rapid progress made by the PDP1 Working Group and recently submitted input during the Public Comment period on the PDP1 Initial Report. The GAC strongly supports the approach taken and the spirit of the recommendations put forward, while noting only a few possible improvements for the Working Group's consideration.
    - In this context and given that the summary of the Public Comment has recently been published, the GAC would appreciate the GNSO's views on the outcome of the Public Comment and the timeline for completion of this PDP.
    - Furthermore, and considering the speed and efficiency of these policy discussions, the GAC would also be interested in hearing whether the GNSO is looking into how to capture and share any good practice emerging from this exercise.

- PDP2: The GAC welcomed the launch of the chartering work for PDP2 in September and is following with interest the finalisation of the PDP Charter.
    - Given the rapid progress made on PDP1 (see above), when is the GNSO considering launching PDP2? Could the GNSO also elaborate on the expected timeline for this PDP?

DNS Abuse

- **GNSO Council Talking Points/Questions:**

Developing policy around domain name registration data and DNS Abuse mitigation requires balancing law enforcement and public safety objectives with privacy, data protection, due process, and the rights of domain name registrants, including the right to recourse in the case of erroneous actions. The Council would welcome GAC members' insights on how they view this balance and how it informs their approach to participating in the development of and providing advice on ICANN policy. In particular:

- What process do GAC members follow when reviewing and developing their position on ICANN policies? Do GAC members typically consult with experts or other authorities within their governments on matters discussed within ICANN?
- How can GAC members' experience and expertise with due process and redress mechanisms in broader public policy help inform the development of policies for gTLD domain names?

15 Day Verification / Accuracy

- **GNSO Council Talking Points/Questions:**

As the ICANN community considers proposals related to registration data accuracy, verification, and DNS abuse mitigation, the Council would welcome insights from GAC members whose governments or ccTLD operators have experience with similar measures. The Council recognizes that ccTLDs operate within distinct national legal, regulatory, and operational frameworks and are not direct corollaries to the gTLD environment. Nevertheless, the successes and challenges from real-world implementation can offer valuable insights for the community as it considers the potential effectiveness, costs, and operational implications of different approaches. In particular, it would be helpful to understand:

1. Have registration or verification requirements, or shorter timeframes for addressing abusive registrations, resulted in measurable improvements in preventing or mitigating DNS abuse?
2. Are there data, studies, metrics, or operational experience that could help assess the effectiveness of these approaches?
3. Have implementation challenges, unintended consequences, or limitations emerged that could help inform consideration of similar measures in the gTLD space?

15 Day Verification / Accuracy

- **GAC Talking Points/Questions:**

Agreed focus: follow-up on the long-standing GAC interest in the 15-day verification period/accuracy, informed by the separate pre-ICANN87 exchange with the CPH. GAC questions are to be shared with the CPH in advance so relevant data can be prepared.

In addition to discussing the GNSO's question 1, GAC Topic Leads suggested that the GAC and GNSO Council follow-up on the 28 September call between GAC and GNSO Topic Leads on the 15-day verification timeline, possibly focussing on:

- What categories of registrations (new registrations vs. renewals) should be prioritized
- Applicable verification timeline to each categories
- Possible implementation path

SSAD

- **GAC Talking Points/Questions:**

Agreed focus: take stock of progress in the SSAD ("**System for Standardized Access/Disclosure**") Supplemental Recommendations Team and GAC priority areas, with Marc Anderson invited for possible Q&A.

Background/Statements

- The GAC is pleased to have representation on the SSAD SRT and intends to continue closely following the group's work, given the importance of the issues at stake for governments.
- The GAC urges the SRT to complete its work within its expected timeline, to avoid delaying the establishment of a permanent central portal for data disclosure requests at ICANN.
- The GAC also reiterates that it shares the Board's vision for the future of the RDRS, as expressed in the RDRS Policy Alignment Analysis. The SRT's updated recommendations should reflect that vision.
- The GAC emphasizes that governments are a distinct category of registration data requestor and that their needs should continue to be reflected in the development of a permanent disclosure request system.

Question

- Does the GNSO still expect the SRT's completed recommendations to be sent to the GNSO Council for review early next year, before ICANN88? What main issues remain to be resolved through SRT discussions, in the GNSO's view?

SSAD

- **GNSO Council Talking Points/Questions:**

GNSO to update GAC on the progress of SSAD SRT with timely updates from Day -1 Meeting.

GAC/GNSO Priorities

Agreed focus: GNSO overview of its prioritization work and early results; GAC opportunity to share priorities for the coming year. GNSO may also provide questions for the GAC.

Any Other Business