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GAC Preparation For Meeting with ICANN Board

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ICANN64 GAC Plenary Meeting - Agenda Item 9.1

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Session Goals

- Background to GAC Members regarding Board-GAC interaction at ICANN Public Meetings
- Review and Confirm GAC Questions To ICANN Board
- Consider Opportunities to Provide GAC input to the ICANN Board regarding key strategic issues

Background

1. Board-GAC Meetings are an important and regular feature of ICANN Public Meetings
2. Back when GAC meetings were “closed” the Board-GAC meeting was one of the few meetings that the public could witness
3. Even after most GAC sessions have become public, the sessions have remained important regular interaction points to maintain useful GAC connections with the Board and to provide a venue to highlight and emphasize areas that are likely to be in the upcoming GAC Communique
4. In recent years, the meeting preparations have achieved more structure. A formal exchange of questions have become expected so that preparations can be made for the meeting dialogue. That is now regularly done several weeks before the meeting.



Board-GAC Preliminary Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Report on the BGIG Session
- Dialogue on GAC Questions/Topics shared with the Board
- GAC Feedback to Board on Strategic Matters
- AOB

* Preliminary agendas often updated to reflect public meeting developments



GAC Questions to the Board (4 Current Topics)

- Board Chair reached out to GAC in January
- GAC Leadership asked GAC for feedback
- GAC members responded
- GAC leaders shared questions with the Board mid-February
- GAC Questions for ICANN64 include 4 topic areas:
 - **Release of two letter-letter characters/label to be used at second level (including gTLDs and ccTLDs)**
 - **IGO Protections**
 - **Data Protection Regulations – The GNSO EPDP and a Unified Access Model**
 - **Potential Future New gTLD Rounds**

Any additional topics to be added?



ICANN64 GAC Questions to the Board (4 Topics)

Topic 1: Release of two letter- letter characters /label to be used at second level (including gTLDs and ccTLDs)

The GAC leadership acknowledges the Board's response to GAC advice in the recent [scorecard document](#) and GAC discussions of those matters will take place in Kobe. The GAC leadership appreciates development of the two-character tool and expects that GAC members will not only have an opportunity to see a demonstration of the tool but will have been able to begin using it prior to meeting with the Board at ICANN64. **GAC members may share their experiences and further reactions at that time with the Board.**

Topic 2: IGO Protections

The GAC leadership appreciates the Board's response to GAC advice in the recent [scorecard document](#) and has engaged with the GNSO Council leadership to understand the status of current GNSO policy development efforts. **GAC members are interested in the Board's understanding of where this issue currently stands.**

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Topic 3: Data Protection Regulations – The GNSO EPDP and a Unified Access Model

GAC members are closely following the GNSO EPDP effort, the ICANN's Technical Study Group on Access to Non-Public Registration Data (TSG) and are interested in an update on efforts by ICANN org to engage with Data Protection Authorities.

In light of the Board's acknowledgement of the ICANN62 Panama GAC Advice ("to take all steps necessary to ensure the development and implementation of a unified access model that addresses accreditation, authentication, access and accountability, and applies to all contracted parties, as quickly as possible)" and the recognition of the European Data Protection Board that ICANN should "develop ... a WHOIS model that will enable uses by relevant stakeholders, such as law enforcement", **could the ICANN Board share its overall assessment of outcomes to date in the EPDP, the TSG and engagement of ICANN org with Data Protection Authorities, and what plans it currently has to ensure these efforts meet the needs of the global public interest?**

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Topic 4: Potential Future New gTLD Rounds

In Barcelona, the Board indicated it was prepared to “react and respond very quickly” (<https://63.schedule.icann.org/meetings/901518>) when the GNSO completes its New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP. **Could the ICANN Board share its current consideration or perspective on the extent to which the various criteria established in the [Helsinki GAC Advice](#) ([accepted by the Board](#)) will be addressed prior to initiation of any new rounds of applications?**

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The Draft ICANN Strategic Plan for FY2021-2015 is based on five primary trends (identified by the ICANN community) that present challenges and opportunities. The draft strategic plan reflects those challenges in five strategic goals:

1. Strengthen the **security** of the Domain Name System and the DNS Root Server System.
2. Improve the effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model of **governance**.
3. Evolve the **unique identifier systems** to continue to serve the needs of the global Internet user base.
4. Address **geopolitical issues** impacting ICANN's mission to ensure a single and globally interoperable Internet.
5. Ensure ICANN's long-term **financial sustainability**.

(see – ICANN Draft Strategic Plan -<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/strategic-plan-2021-2025-draft-20dec18-en.pdf>)

In an effort to begin to address the five strategic goals, ICANN has/is embarking on 4 major project areas, including:

- ⦿ The draft Strategic Plan 2021-2025 that was published in December;
 - ⦿ The first consultation paper on a 2-Year budgeting process that was also published in December; and
 - ⦿ The draft FY21-25 Operating Plan & Financial Projections which likely will be posted mid-2019. ...
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- ⦿ In addition, based on community feedback and discussions at ICANN 63, the Board intended to begin a consultation here in Kobe on the status of ICANN's governance's model, including whether and how it should evolve to continue to serve the global ICANN community. (see ICANN Board Session on Governance – Thursday 14 March 1330 – Portopia Hall - <https://64.schedule.icann.org/meetings/961931>)

In January, ICANN Board Chair shared the 5 key areas of challenge and the four key planning projects and asked ICANN SOs and ACs:

“Are we ready? Do we, for example, collectively have the leadership, skills, resources, knowledge and commitment required to implement these plans successfully over the next five years? We need your help for this.”

SOs and ACs were asked specifically for “high-level” input on:

1. What the Board, ICANN org, and the Community should be doing now to prepare for the successful implementation of these plans? **Please make three suggestions as concrete as possible, providing one each for the Board, ICANN org, and the Community.**
2. While the success of these plans lies primarily within ICANN, we all know that ICANN does not operate in a vacuum, and alliances and partnerships are important to our success. How can we increase the likelihood that important allies and partners in the space are on the same page and working together to achieve common/agreed upon goals? **Please provide one suggestion of something that could be done externally to improve trust and collaboration.**

Providing GAC Answers

1. What should the Board, ICANN org, and the Community be doing now to prepare for the successful implementation of these plans?

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