
Agenda Item 15: Preparation for Meeting with ICANN Board

Issue

The GAC and the ICANN Board normally have a face-to-face meeting at each ICANN meeting.

This session is for GAC members to review recent interaction with the Board and to confirm the issues they wish to raise at the GAC's face-to-face meeting with the Board on Tuesday 23 October at 15:15 (see Agenda Item 26).

The GAC provided the following to the Board on 1 October 2018 in response to their usual request for topics in advance:

A: Questions FROM the Board

What will be your main priorities in 2019?

- A workable public policy framework for GDPR/WHOIS, particularly with regard to access and accreditation.
- Implementation of outcomes of the CCWG-Accountability WS2.
- Ongoing development of policies for new gTLDs.
- Continuing improvement of the GAC-Board interface through the BGRI.
- Improvements to GAC operational issues, including Operating Principles, an independent secretariat function and the efficiency and effectiveness of GAC Working Groups.

How should ICANN's multistakeholder model of governance and Policy Development Process evolve to balance the increasing need for inclusivity, accountability and transparency, with the imperative of getting our work done and our policies developed in a more effective and timely manner, and with the efficient utilization of ICANN's resources?

There does appear to a need to rebalance process and outcomes in these areas, as process has the potential to take precedence over substantive and timely outcomes. Examples include the work by the EPDP and the ICANN Board and ICANN Org on GDPR-related issues; and the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP and its associated processes on geographic names and the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review. The complexity of the current arrangements could be seen as to some extent self-imposed rather than required by factors beyond the community's and ICANN's control, and so any simplification should logically be within the capacity of the community.

The question of priority-setting has been discussed at several meetings, but not yet resolved in a manner that is meaningful to GAC members and probably other members of the community as well.

B: Issues to put TO the Board

(With the qualification that the GAC will review priority issues closer to the meeting and will advise the Board as soon as possible of any changes to this indicative list.)

- High Level Governmental Meeting – What is the Board's initial reaction to this week's HLGGM?
- Unified Access Model – process and timing.

- Temporary Specification – next renewal process.
- IGO protections – next steps in reconciling PDP recommendations and GAC advice.

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