COMMUNITY SESSION

The protection of Geographic Names in the New gTLDs process

Wednesday 11 February (10:30 – 11:30 hs)

Lead:

GAC Working Group Protection of Geographic Names in new gTLDs

Purpose of the session:

The purpose of this session is to inform the GAC and the ICANN community about the comments received to the Background Document about Protection of Geographic names in the New gTLDs Process.

It will also allow time to understand different proposals presented in the comments, review the objections expressed, and exchange ideas about possible next steps.

Working group will use the valuable input of the comments received and the community comments during the session to produce a new version of the background document after the ICANN meeting in Singapore.

Relevant information for the session:

Link to latest version of the background document :

[The protection of geographic names in new gTLDs process - 29 august 2014.pdf](#)

Translated versions of the background document:

[AR](#), [ES](#), [FR](#), [PT](#), [RU](#), [ZH](#)

GAC website with relevant information for this session:

https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Governmental+Advisory+Committee

Link to GAC webspace with all the comments received:

https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Community+Input+-
+The+protection+of+Geographic+Names+in+the+New+gTLDs+process

Comments were recieved until Wednesday 31 December 2014.

Link to comment´s summary:

(To be added by Secretariat)

Agenda

Welcome (10 minutes)

        Background and purpose for the session

        Presentation of the comment's summary

        Olga Cavalli - GAC Working Group Protection of Geographic Names in new gTLDs

Invited panellists (5 minutes each)

        ALAC - Rafid Fatani

        ccNSO - Annabeth Lange - .NO

        Internet Business Council of Africa IBCA - Gideon Rop (remote participation)

        Brand Registry Group - Philip Shepard

        GNSO

Comments from the audience (15 minutes)

        Questions and Answers

Closing remarks (10 minutes)