
GAC “Open-Mic” Listening Session

Session # 16

Session Objective

To leverage the “Community Forum” format of the ICANN79 Public Meeting, GAC Members have created the opportunity for members of the ICANN community to gather in the GAC meeting room on Tuesday March 5 at 1300 UTC (0900 San Juan time) to share their news and views with GAC representatives in-person and on-line.

This session will serve as an ‘open hour’ where individuals from different constituencies across the ICANN community are invited to register for a short remark time slot and “take the mic” to present questions or comments to the GAC. The GAC will be in “listening” mode during this session and may then reflect on any particular points raised in a subsequent session at ICANN79 or at a future ICANN Public Meeting.

Session Agenda

Slots will be allocated to speakers in a first-come/first-served order. Speakers will be allocated up to three (3) minutes, depending on the number of speaking requests received. GAC Members will be in a “listening” mode with no expectations to reply/respond to any statements. GAC Members will use the rest of the meeting week or the upcoming intersessional period to react to any information or opinions shared during this session.

Recent Developments

GAC Members have embraced the “Community Forum” format of the ICANN79 meeting by expanding the number of bilateral sessions the GAC intends to conduct in San Juan. It was imagined that a “listening” session for GAC representatives to hear from the community could potentially expand information and collaboration channels between governments and other ICANN community stakeholders. This experimental session will create the opportunity for input, suggestions and feedback that GAC representatives can consider during sessions later in the meeting week or during their intersessional deliberations after ICANN79. Depending on the lessons-learned during this experiential session, GAC Members may consider if similar future sessions would be of value.

Key Reference Documents

- Speaker Sign-Up form link for the GAC Open-Mic session - <https://forms.gle/ojHHT1KwYWnHPkgk9>

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