GAC Meeting with ICANN Board
Session 19 - GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

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Session Objectives

An ICANN Public Meeting creates the opportunity for the GAC to meet and interact with other ICANN groups, organizations and structures - enabling the committee to coordinate and resolve specific policy work and operational matters and to build channels of communication with other groups to address current issues of government interest and facilitate future informational exchanges. The GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board of Directors is one of those important opportunities. The Tuesday, 5 March GAC meeting with the ICANN Board at ICANN79 will enable the GAC to share views and ask timely questions of Board Members on topics of importance to the committee.

Recent Developments

Recent GAC-Board Meetings have covered a range of subjects and topics that have mostly centered around formal questions the GAC submits to the Board about two to three weeks before the start of the ICANN Public Meeting. For some meetings, the Board presents a number of standard questions or session topics to community groups for them to respond to the Board.

To date, the Board has not proposed any specific questions for the GAC, but staff will alert the committee if any are presented before the meeting.

With respect to the topics and questions from the GAC to the ICANN Board, during the ICANN79 Agenda Setting Calls on 17 January and 22 January, GAC members were reminded to share potential topics and questions for compilation by GAC Support staff and subsequent curation from the GAC Chair and Vice Chair team.

So far, the submitted topics and questions proposed are focused on the next round of new gTLDs, responses to urgent requests for disclosure of domain name registration, blockchain technology challenges to the DNS, and policy process transparency in the GNSO. The C-VC will discuss and

curate the questions that have been submitted. The initial list of questions for ICANN79 must be shared with the Board by 21 February.

GAC Members will discuss particular drafted questions to present to the Board during a special committee pre-meeting preparatory call before ICANN79, after which finalized questions will be shared with the Board in preparation for the meeting.

Session Agenda

Session #19 - Tuesday, 5 March (1900 UTC) - GAC Meeting with ICANN Board

A preliminary meeting agenda for the joint meeting (as of 19 February) is:

A. Introductions
B. Review of GAC Topics/Questions (shared in advance of meeting)
C. AOB
D. Closing

Further Information

Board-GAC Interactions -

- Within the ICANN multistakeholder community, the GAC has a fundamental relationship with the ICANN Board of Directors that is detailed in the ICANN Bylaws (see ICANN Bylaws Section 12.2(a)) and the Board-GAC meeting is a regular feature of every ICANN Public Meeting - https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en/#article12
- From time-to-time, the GAC also hosts a meeting of the Board-GAC Interaction Group (BGIG) which is covered by a separate briefing document. For this meeting cycle, that meeting takes place on 20 February 2023, during which Board members shared their reactions to the GAC Issues of Importance identified in the ICANN78 Communiqué. Information materials about that interaction can be found here - https://gac.icann.org/sessions/boardgac-interaction-group-call-bgig-20-february-2024 (GAC ICANN Account log-in required).

Topical Reference Documents -
- The Board September 2023 Scorecard: Subsequent Procedures PDP (10 September 2023)
- The Board Scorecard on ICANN78 GAC Advice (21 January 2024), outlining Board decisions following the issuance of GAC advice at ICANN77.
- The Board Scorecard on ICANN78 GAC Issues of Importance (30 January 2024)

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