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ICANN73 GAC Opening Plenary

Monday, 7 March 2022

Opening Plenary Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions - Review Session Agenda
2. ICANN73 Week
   a. GAC Block Schedule
3. Opportunity for GAC Member Remarks
4. GAC Work Review
   a. Notable Topics at ICANN73
   b. Notable Work/Developments Since ICANN72
   c. Notable Working Group Highlights
   d. GAC/Community Interaction (SO-AC Chairs; BGIG; NomCom)
   e. Onboarding and Engagement - Big Picture
5. Review Communiqué Drafting Process
6. Meeting Logistics and Review of Technical Capabilities

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2a. **GAC ICANN73 Meeting** (Block Schedule)

Monday 7 March (Day 1)	Tuesday 8 March (Day 2)	Wednesday 9 March (Day 3)	Thursday 10 March (Day 4)	AST (UTC-4)
				8:45
1. GAC Opening Plenary (60 mins)	5. GAC Meeting with the ccNSO (60 mins)	13. GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board (60 mins)	15. GAC Meeting with the ALAC (60 mins)	9:00 / 9:15 / 9:30 / 9:45
				10:00
Virtual Coffee / Fika	Break	Break	Break	10:15
Q&A with ICANN Org Executive Team (90 mins)	6. GAC Operating Principles WG (45 mins)	Plenary Session 2: Evolving the DNS Abuse Conversation: Maliciously Registered versus Compromised Domains (90 mins)	14. GAC Communique (4/4) (60 mins)	10:30 / 10:45 / 11:00 / 11:15
	7. GAC Discussion on WS2 Matters (45 mins)		16. GAC Wrap-Up (30 mins)	11:30 / 11:45
				12:00
Break	Break	Virtual Coffee / Fika	Break	12:15
2. GAC Discussion on Global Public Interest Framework (45 mins)	8. GAC Discussions on IGO Matters (30 mins)	14. GAC Communique (1/4) (90 mins)	Discussion Forum on Geopolitical Legislative & Regulatory Developments (90 mins)	12:30 / 12:45 / 13:00
3. GAC Preparation for Meeting with the Board (45 mins)	9. GAC Discussions on WHOIS/Data Protection (60 mins)			13:15 / 13:30 / 13:45
				14:00
Break	Break	Break	Virtual Coffee / Fika	14:15
Plenary Session 1: Moving Forward with the Global Public Interest Framework (90 mins)	10. GAC Public Safety WG Update/DNS Abuse (45 mins)	14. GAC Communique (2/4) (90 mins)	ICANN Public Forum (90 mins)	14:30 / 14:45 / 15:00 / 15:15
	11. GAC Discussions on Subsequent Rounds (45 mins)			15:30 / 15:45
				16:00
Break	Virtual Coffee / Fika	Break	Break	16:15
4. GAC Meeting with the GNSO (60 mins)	12. GAC Communique Review (60 mins)	14. GAC Communique (3/4) (60 mins)	ICANN Board Meeting	16:30 / 16:45 / 17:00 / 17:15
				17:30

GAC Plenary Sessions
GAC Joint Sessions
Community Sessions
GAC Communique

Official times for ICANN73
09:00-17:30 (EST, UTC-4)

3. Opportunity for GAC Members' Interventions

During this time, the GAC Chair will open the floor to GAC representatives for any interventions/statements.

2b. GAC ICANN73 Meeting (Notable Topics)

- RDS/WHOIS and Data Protection (EPDP)

- DNS Abuse Mitigation

- Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs

- Global Public Interest Framework

ICANN73 Meeting - GAC Priority Topic Highlights

RDS/WHOIS and Data Protection

- **Importance to the GAC**
    - Public domain registration data is indispensable for attributing content, services and crime
    - WHOIS policies require the balancing of data protection and the protection of the public
    - Efforts to date demonstrate challenges to adequately accommodate both imperatives
    - The GAC adopted GAC Principles Regarding gTLD WHOIS Services (28 March 2007), which were recalled in the GAC Abu Dhabi Communiqué (1 Nov. 2017), noting that they "*continue to reflect the important public policy issues associated with WHOIS services*"

- **Recent Developments**
    - EPDP Phase 2 SSAD: ICANN org delivered its Operational Design Assessment (25 Jan. 2022)
    - EPDP Phase 2A (Legal vs. Natural): the GAC submitted a Minority Statement (10 Sep. 2021) and requested its consideration by the Board (9 Feb. 2022)

- **ICANN73 Objectives**

    - **Consider providing further input to the ICANN Board** regarding the proposed Standardized System for Access/Disclosure of Registration Data (SSAD) given ICANN org's analysis of costs, benefits and risks in the SSAD Operational Design Assessment (25 Jan. 2022)

    - **Assess the public interest impacts of the current interim policy regime** for gTLD registration data, in light of prospects of implementation and community concerns with policy recommendations, suspension of pre-existing implementations efforts, and Board responses to the GAC Montréal Advice

- **ICANN73 GAC Session:** Tuesday 8 March 17:00 UTC

ICANN73 Meeting - GAC Priority Topic Highlights

DNS Abuse Mitigation

- **Importance to the GAC**
  - Threat to consumers, Internet users (personal and commercial) and their trust in the DNS
  - Security Threat to the security, stability and resiliency of the DNS and its Infrastructures
  - The GAC, the GAC PSWG and many ICANN stakeholder groups prioritize curbing DNS Abuse, recognizing in particular that current ICANN contracts do not provide sufficiently clear and enforceable obligations to mitigate DNS Abuse and need to be improved

- **Recent Developments**
  - New DNS Abuse Study Commissioned by the European Commission communicated to the GAC (3 Feb. 2022) and presented during the Pre-ICANN73 PSWG Conference Call (17 February 2022)
  - The GNSO Council announced (31 January 2022) the formation of a GNSO Small Team to consider "*what policy efforts, if any, the GNSO Council should consider undertaking*"

- **ICANN73 Objectives**
  - **Consider the findings and recommendations of the DNS Abuse Study published by the European Commission** and presented to the GAC Public Safety Working Group prior to ICANN73 (17 February 2022)
  - **Review progress of ICANN org activities** in relation to DNS Abuse under its DNS Security Threat Mitigation and Contractual Compliance programs, per Pre-ICANN73 ICANN CEO Briefing to the GAC (16 February 2022).
  - **Assess progress in ICANN community discussions and relevant implementation efforts related** in light of relevant GAC Advice (Montreal and ICANN72)

- **ICANN73 GAC Session:** Tuesday 8 March 18:30 UTC

ICANN73 Meeting - GAC Priority Topic Highlights

Subsequent Rounds of new gTLDs (SubPro)

Importance to GAC

○ Determining how and when ICANN conducts the next round of new gTLD applications is a fundamental and high priority for the GAC.

○ The GNSO SubPro effort will determine the application rules for the next round of new gTLDs.

Recent Developments:

○ Operational Design Phase (ODP) initiated by ICANN org in December 2021. GAC Members remain focused on developments from the ODP.

○ As part of the ODP work policy issues were identified for the ICANN Board to address, including closed generics (due to no policy recommendations from SubPro PDP WG). GAC advice from 2013 states that "*for strings representing generic terms, exclusive registry access should serve a public interest goal*".

○ The ICANN Board discussed the possibility for a GAC/GNSO collaboration - with ICANN Board facilitation - in a small focused group with SMEs from both groups to develop a framework for closed generics, i.e. a compromise solution taking into account the GNSO position of allowing closed generics, with the GAC position of serving a public interest goal.

○ GAC Chair and GNSO Chair responded favorably to this idea, in consultation with GAC Topic Leads.

ICANN73 Objectives:

○ Active discussions with GAC Members/Observers on priority topics to gather input, if needed, to develop GAC Advice to the ICANN Board.

○ Review recent developments on the ODP - including the proposed GAC/GNSO Small Group on Closed Generics

ICANN73 GAC Session: Tuesday, 8 March 19:30 UTC

ICANN73 Meeting - GAC Priority Topic Highlights

Global Public Interest Framework (GPI)

Importance to GAC

○ Board Goal - To facilitate a bottom-up multistakeholder-driven understanding of the GPI issues relevant to each Board decision.

○ Intended Outcome - Demonstrate how specific recommendations, advice, and public comments are in the global public interest. No intention to change the process by which decisions are currently made.

○ Could the GAC, and potentially other community groups, leverage the framework within their own processes.

Recent Developments:

○ ICANN Board showcasing the proposed framework in two test cases: SSAD Operational Design Phase (ODP) (concluded) and SubPro ODP (underway).

○ ICANN org published an Operational Design Assessment (ODA) where the GPI analysis focuses on the EPDP Phase 2 policy recommendations for the SSAD (January 2022).

ICANN73 Objectives:

○ Opportunity for the GAC to better understand the context of the GPI Framework and the Board's expectations.

○ Discuss whether the framework could or should be incorporated/adopted into the GAC's advice development efforts.

○ Prepare to actively contribute to the ICANN73 Plenary session: The Global Public Interest Framework: Is it Useful?

ICANN73 GAC Session: Monday 7 March at 17:30 UTC

- Thank You to GAC Representatives for Continued Focus on GAC Work During Pandemic
- Active GAC Correspondence (6 - in; 5 - out)
- Board Interactions on ICANN72 Communiqué (clarifying call, Board Scorecard, and Issues of Importance)
- Agreement to Extend GE Conversations to Full GAC

- Intense PSWG Management of RDS and DNS Abuse Matters
- GOPE Work Plan Development
- HRIL WG Focus on WS-2 Accountability Progress
- UA-IDN Chair Follow-Up
- New USRWG Travel Guidelines Due To Be Applied For First Time
- Potential Subsequent Procedures Re-Set; Evolution of Focal Group

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3c. GAC Community Interaction (SO-AC Chairs, BGIG, NomCom, etc.)

- Community Leadership (SO-AC leaders) meet regularly before ICANN public meetings to review matters of cross-community impact
- Topics of recent SO-AC Chair Roundtables included:
  - Implementation of Work Stream 2 Accountability recommendations by ICANN org and community groups (considering collective efforts by SOs and ACs)
  - Community Prioritization and Planning
  - Return to In-Person and Hybrid Public Meetings (ICANN74)

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3c. GAC Community Interaction (SO-AC Chairs, BGIG, NomCom, etc.)

- The Board GAC Interaction Group (BGIG) includes a subset of Board Members and interested GAC Members.
- The BGIG has proven to be an effective venue for discussions to ensure effective Board and GAC collaboration and communication
- BGIG recently developed a streamlined approach for discussing Issues of Importance to the GAC
- More active consideration of additional "consultations (e.g., IGO advice and GCC early warnings)
- Most recently (5 October) the group has discussed:
    - ICANN72 GAC Communique - IGO Advice and Issues of Importance
    - Process clarity with respect to Board GAC consultations (flow chart development)
- BGIG Membership open to any interested GAC representative

3c. GAC Community Interaction (SO-AC Chairs, BGIG, NomCom, etc.)

- Annual Input from GAC to ICANN Nominating Committee
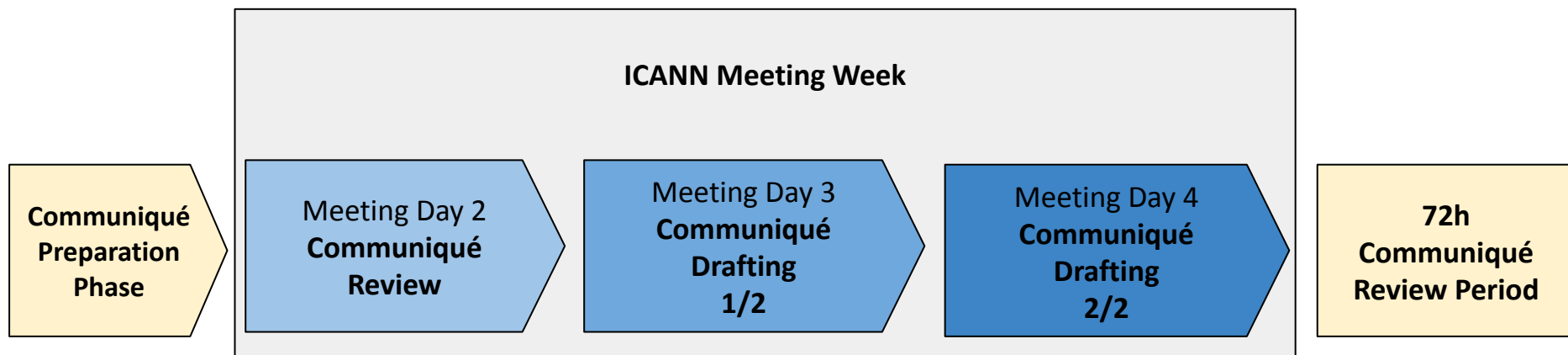- Visit from NomCom Members to GAC This Week

3d. Onboarding and Engagement - Big Picture

- Many new faces since ICANN66

    - Over 130 new GAC delegates since November 2019 (start of virtual meetings)

    - GAC delegate count has rebounded to pre-pandemic high of ~ 462

- Continued emphasis on engagement resources – working with support staff to improve onboarding and engagement with new members and info to share with government colleagues.

- Planned expansion of ICANN Learn curriculum for governments

- Expecting future meetings will be "hybrid" formats - as soon as ICANN74

- Evolving pre-meeting briefings (e.g., Oral Briefings)

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Communiqué Development ICANN73

ICANN Meeting Week

Communiqué Preparation Phase

Meeting Day 2 **Communiqué Review**

Meeting Day 3 **Communiqué Drafting 1/2**

Meeting Day 4 **Communiqué Drafting 2/2**

72h Communiqué Review Period

Decision by GAC Chair, based on advancement of Drafting, **to close live collaboration on the document** in the interest of clarity and stability of the text

Draft Communiqué Google Doc **Open for live contributions** by GAC Members

Draft Communiqué Google Doc **Edited only through GAC Support Staff**

Drafters of Communiqué Text are encouraged, at any stage of Communiqué dévelopment, to **use the GAC Support Team as a resource to research precedent**, **ensure accuracy** of references **and consistency with usual practice** as needed

ICANN73 Communiqué Collaborative Drafting

6. ICANN73 - GAC Meeting Logistics and Technical Capabilities

- Zoom Session Infrastructure and Protocols:
  - Before the session
    - Calendar Invites in advance (24-hour link info)
    - Session pages on GAC website for materials
  - During the session
    - "Renaming" yourself as a participant to indicate affiliation
    - Interpretation - 6 UN Languages
      - Use Zoom system; CRN app as back-up if necessary
      - Pick Language
      - Identify yourself and speak slowly for interpreters
  - After the session
    - Recordings and transcripts on GAC web site
- GAC Informal Sessions
  - Daily Updates

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