

ICANN 45 – High-Level Meetings Toronto, October 15, 2012

Draft program

CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES

A day-long series of high-level meetings will take place as part of ICANN 45 in Toronto, to consider the role of the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and the advice on public policy issues it provides to ICANN. Senior officials from governments that are already GAC members, as well as governments that are not currently members, are invited to attend. The meetings will focus on "**Preserving and Improving the Multistakeholder Model**" for the security and reliability of the global Domain Name System. These meetings respond to a key recommendation of the ICANN Accountability and Transparency Review. They present a unique and timely opportunity for senior government officials to meet and exchange views with one another, with the ICANN Board, and with other stakeholders, on ICANN's role, current issues, and future challenges. An Outcome Statement, reflecting views of both senior government officials and the ICANN Board, will be presented to the broader ICANN community. The statement will highlight the value of ICANN's multistakeholder governance model for the security and stability of the Domain Name System, and the important role of governments in the model.

MEETING DETAILS

FORMAT

Canada will have lead chairing responsibilities, with the GAC Chair as a co-chair and moderator.

Each section of the agenda will include an opening statement, an opportunity for designated high-level officials and ICANN community leaders to give short statements, and a short discussion session. Recognizing that time is limited, speaking opportunities may be determined on a regional basis. Visual aids (i.e., PowerPoint) will not be permitted.

A series of preliminary guiding questions has been included at the end of this document, and will be refined by the GAC as part of preparations for the meeting.

Interpretation will be provided (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish).

PARTICIPATION

Seating will be available at the table for designated participants in the high-level meeting. Additional seating for regular GAC members will be available in the room. Participation at the luncheon and reception is intended for designated participants at the high-level meeting, plus up to one GAC representative per government.

To facilitate transparency and remote participation, all ICANN meetings are recorded, and transcripts are available online.

PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Session One: The Role of Governments within ICANN

- How to reinforce the critical importance of the GAC in ICANN's deliberations?
- What are the measures of the GAC's success?
- What should be the key priorities for the GAC?
- What additional measures can the GAC take to broaden its representativeness?

Session Two: ICANN and the global Internet community

- What are the fundamental features of ICANN's multistakeholder model?
- How do governments view progress following the Affirmation of Commitments?
- What progress has been made in implementing recommendations from the first Accountability and Transparency Review? What improvements should the GAC propose for the next one?
- How do governments view ICANN's role in the global Internet community?

Session Three: Meeting with ICANN Board

- How does ICANN define and measure its own success?
- What steps is ICANN taking to improve accountability and transparency in its operations to coordinate the global domain name system? What are the key principles underpinning its strategic direction? How is progress being assessed?
- What are ICANN's recommendations for the next independent Accountability and Transparency Review?
- What is the state of the relationship between the GAC and the ICANN Board? What improvements can be made?
- What steps can the GAC and the Board take to improve Board consideration of GAC advice on public policy matters, for example with regard to new gTLDs and cybersecurity?
- What efforts is ICANN taking to broaden global participation among its stakeholder groups? How is progress being measured?

Session Four: Meetings with other ICANN stakeholder groups

- What steps can be taken to strengthen collaboration and communication between the GAC and other ICANN stakeholder groups?
- Are there shared strategic priorities?

Proposed agenda

DATE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
<u>Monday October 15</u>		
08:00	Registration	Governments
09:00	ICANN Opening Ceremony	ICANN community
10:30	Break	
11:00	High-Level Meetings begin	Governments
	<u>Opening Remarks</u>	
	<u>Session One: Governments and ICANN</u>	
	<u>Session Two: ICANN and the Global Internet Community</u>	
13:00-14:00	Welcome lunch	Governments
14:00	High-Level Meetings resume	Governments + ICANN Board
	<u>Session Three: Meeting with the ICANN Board</u>	
15:30	Refreshments	
16:00	<u>Session Four: Meeting with other ICANN Stakeholder Groups</u>	Governments + ICANN stakeholder groups
17:30	<u>Session Five: Closing remarks</u>	
17:45	Adjourn	
18:00-19:00	Reception with ICANN Board	Governments + ICANN Board
TBC	Release of Outcome Statement	Governments + ICANN Board