

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6 Implementation

GAC Operations and Interactions

2 April 2015

## Implementation 6 Timeline



July 2016  
Complete

## Recommendation 6 Implementation Description

ATRT2 Recommendation 6 advises that the Board work jointly with the GAC to consider a number of actions to make GAC work methods, agenda, activities and deliberations more transparent and better understood to the ICANN community. This project is intended to map the progress in implementation of ATRT2 Recommendation 6.

Some areas of the ATRT2 report are the subject of ongoing GAC working groups and some are GAC internal matters. The BGRI Working Group is addressing recommendations 6.4, 6.5 and 6.7. The Working Group on GAC Working Methods (WGWM) is addressing ATRT2 recommendations 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.6. The GAC Joint Working Group on Government Engagement (JWG/GE) is addressing ATRT2 recommendations 6.8 and 6.9.

## Status of Deliverables

	Responsible	Due Date
6.1 Increased transparency of GAC-related activities	GAC/ WGWM	July 2016
6.2 Formally adopt open meetings policy	GAC/ WGWM	✓
6.3 Develop and publish rationales for GAC advice	GAC/ WGWM	June 2016
6.4 Develop and document formal process for GAC advice	BGRI	✓
6.5 Bylaw change, requiring a Board supermajority to reject GAC advice	BGRI	On hold
6.6 Implement initiatives to remove barriers for participation	GAC/ WGWM	June 2016
6.7 Regularize Senior Officials meetings	BGRI & GAC	✓
6.8 Develop government engagement guidelines	JWG/GE	✓
6.9 Develop goals for stakeholder engagement by GSE	JWG/GE	July 2016



Complete

Planned/In Process

Behind schedule, expected to recover within original plan

Behind schedule, original plan to be adjusted

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.1 Implementation

## 6.1 Increased transparency of GAC-related activities

2 April 2015

### Implementation 6.1 Timeline



July 2016  
Operationalized

### 6.1 Sub-project Description

Subproject 6.1. is focused on increasing the transparency of GAC-related activities and in so doing improving on community visibility into, and understanding of, GAC work methods and processes.

The Working Group on GAC Working Methods (WGWM) has been implementing this recommendation, which contains eight sub-recommendations that are at varied stages of implementation (five of the eight have been implemented).

### Status of Deliverables

	Responsible	Due Date
a Convening GAC 101 information sessions (Sweden lead)	GAC	✓
b Publishing agendas and minutes for GAC Meetings timely (WGWM lead)	GAC WGWM	October 2015
c Improving GAC website (existing website and new website in planning)	ICANN staff and ACIG	July 2016
d Considering whether and how to open GAC conference calls	GAC WGWM	✓
e Considering how to structure GAC meetings to better engage with community	GAC WGWM	✓
f Establishing agenda-setting calls for the next meeting	GAC WGWM	✓
g Providing clarity on GAC leadership roles	GAC WGWM	✓
h Defining process to give opportunity to present to the GAC prior to deliberations	GAC WGWM	July 2016



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# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.1 Implementation

## 6.1 Increased transparency of GAC-related activities

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### Project Status

**6.1a Convening GAC 101 or information sessions for the ICANN community:** There have been three GAC Open Forum sessions (at [ICANN 50](#), [IGF 2014](#) and [ICANN 51](#)). The GAC discussed the experiences to date. GAC discussed approaches to community engagement under ATRT2 Recommendation 6.1 at ICANN 52 in light of a paper circulated by Sweden. Suggestions were made for improving the GAC Open Forum model used in London and Los Angeles by adding an “ask the GAC” section to monthly SO/AC leaders calls; and using the session slot immediately following the GAC’s face-to-face meetings with the Board. The GAC agreed on the need for at least one Open Forum per year; for arrangements to align with the new ICANN meeting structure from 2016; and, if possible, to hold another GAC information session at the next IGF, given the success of the event at IGF 2014.

**6.1b Publishing agendas and minutes for GAC Meetings timely:** As of January 2015 for the [GAC meetings at ICANN 52](#), the GAC started to publish its detailed agenda on the GAC’s public website, well in advance of the 7-day time period recommended by ATRT2. At [ICANN 50](#), [ICANN 51](#), and [ICANN 52](#), GAC agendas showing session topics were made available online on the ICANN meeting website about one month before each meeting, alongside the full schedule of the meetings.

As to publishing meeting minutes within 7 days of its meetings, it should be noted that unlike other ICANN bodies, the GAC systematically publishes a detailed, negotiated, official record of the meetings right at the close of its meetings, in the form of the the GAC Communiqué. The GAC has not yet discussed the value and feasibility of making available minutes within 1 week of its meetings – if it does, this would be an unofficial document and thus may be less useful than the combination of the GAC communiqué and GAC transcripts that are available immediately.

**6.1c Improving GAC website:** the existing GAC website at <https://gacweb.icann.org> is being revised to improve access to relevant information, including correspondence, to increase the amount of information available on the public website and to streamline the site’s navigation. Audio recordings and transcripts of all GAC meetings (except for communiqué-drafting sessions) have been made available online for ICANN 51, ICANN 50, ICANN 49, ICANN 48 and ICANN 47 in the six UN languages as well as Portuguese. In parallel, the project to revamp the website began in March 2015. The GAC receives support in its work from a team made up of staff from the Australian Continuous Improvement Group (ACIG) and ICANN. Working together, these staff provide a range of services to all GAC members and observers, including organising meetings, briefing, website and email administration, liaison with ICANN and travel support.

**6.1d Considering whether and how to open GAC conference calls:** GAC conference calls have generally been concerned with agenda setting for physical meetings, rather than with decision-making on substance matters of GAC advice. The GAC determined at ICANN 52 that liaisons to GAC from other SO/ACs can be invited to observe and participate as appropriate. As such, there has not yet been an opportunity to determine whether to open a GAC conference call to the existing GAC liaison from the GNSO.

**6.1e Considering how to structure GAC meetings to better engage with community:** This recommendation is implemented by the GAC through a significant increase in the GAC’s inter-sessional work, participation of GAC members in both GAC WGs and cross-community WGs, initiatives such as the GAC Open Forum (6.1a) and as of 2016, the new ICANN meetings strategy. All face-to-face meeting sessions are open, except for the communiqué drafting sessions.

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.1 Implementation

## 6.1 Increased transparency of GAC-related activities

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### Project Status (Continued)

**6.1f Establishing agenda-setting calls for the next meeting:** This recommendation has been implemented by the GAC. The GAC has a session at the end of each ICANN meeting to prepare for the next meeting, and holds a conference call in the middle of the period between ICANN meetings to set priorities for the agenda. If need be, there may be a second agenda setting call closer to the next meeting to refine the schedule.

**6.1g Providing clarity on GAC leadership roles:** this recommendation is being implemented with the publishing of a fact sheet about the GAC's Chair and Vice Chairs following the election of the new leadership team at ICANN 51, the enlargement of the GAC management team is being followed up by a revision of the GAC operating principles regarding the number and role of GAC Vice Chairs.

**6.1h Defining process to give opportunity to present to the GAC prior to deliberations:** the GAC has started to consider this recommendation. The topics of geographic names and human rights are examples of topics on which the GAC is actively reaching out to the rest of the community to gather information and input ahead of decision-making and could possibly serve as case studies to help define a process for the GAC to give entities the opportunity to present.

### Implementation Notes

None

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.2 Implementation

Formally adopt open GAC meetings policy

2 April 2015

## 6.2 Formally adopt open GAC meetings policy



March 2015  
Complete

### 6.2 Sub-Project Description





Subproject 6.2. is focused on increasing the transparency of GAC meetings by ensuring that they are held openly and that non-GAC members can participate.

The Working Group on GAC Working Methods (WGWM) has been in charge of this recommendation, which is implemented in practice and [communicated explicitly](#). As an administrative formality, the GAC plans to update the text in its GAC Operating Principles (OPs) to reflect the policy of open meetings in due course, when it revises the entire OPs.

### Status of Deliverables

	Responsible	Due Date
Adopt open meetings policy at ICANN 52, ICANN 51, ICANN 50, ICANN 49, ICANN 48 and ICANN 47	GAC	✓

	Complete
	Planned/In Process
	Behind schedule, expected to recover within original plan
	Behind schedule, original plan to be adjusted

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.2 Implementation

Formally adopt open GAC meetings policy

2 April 2015

## Project Status

All GAC meetings since mid-2013 have been **open**, except for the Communiqué drafting sessions. This was the case at [ICANN 52](#), [ICANN 51](#), [ICANN 50](#), [ICANN 49](#), [ICANN 48](#) and [ICANN 47](#). At ICANN 46 in April 2013 and prior to that, most GAC sessions were partly open and partly closed.

The **exception** to open meetings to date has been the Communiqué drafting session that is only accessible to GAC members and their advisors, as well as GAC support staff and Secretariat. It takes place towards the end of each meeting, usually on the Wednesday afternoon: it is about a half day of inter-governmental discussions and negotiations on the 'GAC Communiqué'. The Communiqué represents the formal negotiated outcome of the meeting, including the GAC's advice to the ICANN Board and therefore the discussions are open to members only to facilitate frank exchanges. A second exception to open meetings is the GAC agenda-setting conference call that is for logistics and scheduling, not substantive decision-making. Finally, the GAC may in the future need to hold a private meeting if the topic of discussion is a sensitive and purely internal matter (although the need has not arisen since mid 2013).

In terms of formalization, the GAC practice of Open Meetings is explained on the GAC website on the [GAC Meetings page](#) and in Fact Sheets for new GAC members ("[Attending your first GAC meeting](#)").

It should be noted that Principle 50 of the [GAC Operating Principles](#) (last amended in October 2011) still states: "*The meetings of the GAC shall ordinarily be held in private. The Chair may decide that a particular meeting, or part of a particular meeting, should be held in public.*" A proposed amendment to the Operating Principles is part of the ongoing review of the operating principles and would reverse the text to specify that GAC meetings are ordinarily held in public, and that the Chair may decide that a particular meeting should be held in private. This text will be updated in due course, as an administrative formality, when the GAC revises the entire Operating Principles.

## Implementation Notes

None

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.3 Implementation

Develop and publish rationales for GAC Advice

2 April 2015

## 6.3 Develop and publish rationales for GAC Advice



June 2016  
Complete

### 6.3 Sub-Project Description

Subproject 6.3. is focused on the GAC developing and publishing rationales for GAC Advice at the time advice is provided; recording such rationales in the GAC register; and, including in the register a record of how the ICANN Board responded to each item of advice.

The Working Group on GAC Working Methods (WGWM) is in charge of implementing this recommendation.

## Status of Deliverables

	Responsible	Due Date
Consider, decide on and implement initial steps to provide rationales for GAC Advice	GAC WGWM	✓
Consider, decide on and implement additional steps to provide rationales for GAC Advice	GAC WGWM	Not yet decided
Improving the GAC register of advice	ICANN staff and ACIG	December 2015
Include in the advice register a record of how the ICANN Board responded to each item of advice	ICANN staff and ACIG	June 2016



Complete

Planned/In Process

Behind schedule, expected to recover within original plan

Behind schedule, original plan to be adjusted

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.3 Implementation

Develop and publish rationales for GAC Advice

2 April 2015

## Project Status

The implementation of recommendation 6.3 is a gradual development and likely to be further discussed at ICANN 53 in Buenos Aires in June 2015 by the GAC, the Working Group on GAC Working Methods (WGWM) and the Board-GAC Recommendation Implementation (BGRI) Working Group.

**Improving the GAC register of advice:** Improving the GAC Register of Advice to make it more user-friendly and comprehensive of GAC input and Board feedback is part of the review of the existing GAC website that began in February 2015. It is also a major component of the new revamped GAC website project. It should be noted, as well, that the ICANN CTO and Board support division are developing a register of advice to the Board and that there are likely to be significant synergies possible.

**Developing and publishing rationales for GAC Advice at the time advice is provided and recording rationales in the GAC register:**

The GAC considers that the rationale for GAC Advice has been made clearer through continuous improvements of the wording of the Communiqué itself. The GAC also notes that other initiatives, such as opening GAC sessions to non-members and holding GAC Open Forum sessions, help to explain GAC advice. In fact, the GAC is considering holding the regular open forums after the Communiqué is released to explain to the rest of the ICANN community how and why the GAC agreed on its recommendations.

**Note:** If the GAC decides to implement this recommendation as written, it will then consider what further steps the GAC will take to provide more detailed rationale for its advice.

## Implementation Notes

The GAC has not decided whether, and to what extent, it will develop and publish rationales for GAC Advice at the time Advice is provided under separate headings, similar to the structure of Board resolutions.



# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.4 Implementation

Develop and document formal process for GAC Advice

2 April 2015

## 6.4 Develop and document formal process for GAC Advice



June 2015  
Complete

### 6.4 Sub-Project Description

Subproject 6.4. is focused on the Board, working through the BGRI Working Group developing and documenting a formal process for notifying and requesting GAC Advice.

The BGRI Working Group is in charge of implementing this recommendation.

The draft process is considered adopted from the GAC perspective.

## Status of Deliverables

	Responsible	Due Date
Develop draft "Timeline for Board requesting GAC Advice."	BGRI	✓
Adopt or amend 'Draft Timeline for Board requesting GAC Advice' (evaluating current shortcomings / enhancing process).	BGRI	✓
If necessary, formal adoption of process by Board, posting online	BGRI	June 2015



Complete

Planned/In Process

Behind schedule, expected to recover within original plan

Behind schedule, original plan to be adjusted

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.4 Implementation

Develop and document formal process for GAC Advice

2 April 2015

## Project Status

In its London Communiqué of June 2014, the GAC “agreed to implement this recommendation with the BGRI processing the recommendation by documenting the current process and seeking comment on options for improvements.”

It was noted that Board requests for GAC advice are very rare, with only one such request issued during the last five years.

At ICANN 50 in London, ICANN 51 in Los Angeles and ICANN 52 in Singapore, the BGRI discussed the draft of a formal process for notifying and requesting GAC advice. The draft process has been circulated twice to the GAC. No comments having been received, the document is considered approved from a GAC perspective.

## Implementation Notes

Whether any further steps are needed in formalizing this process is a matter for the BGRI and Board to decide.

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.5 Implementation

Bylaws change, requiring a supermajority for the Board to reject GAC Advice

2 April 2015

## 6.5 Develop and document formal process for GAC Advice



On hold

## 6.5 Sub-Project Description





Subproject 6.5. recommends that the BGRI implement a Bylaws change, whereby the Board would need a supermajority vote to reject GAC advice.

The BGRI Working Group is in charge of this recommendation.

## Status of Deliverables

	Responsible	Due Date
Public comment period	Staff	✓
Amend ICANN bylaws, to require a Board supermajority to reject GAC advice.	BGRI	On hold

	Complete
	Planned/In Process
	Behind schedule, expected to recover within original plan
	Behind schedule, original plan to be adjusted

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.5 Implementation

Bylaws change, requiring a supermajority for the Board to reject GAC Advice

2 April 2015

## Project Status

ATRT1, ATRT2 and BGRI advice led to a proposal to set a bylaws threshold at 2/3 for the Board to reject GAC Advice.

At their meeting together at ICANN 51 in Los Angeles in October 2014, both the Board and the GAC noted that [public comments on the proposed bylaw change](#) had been almost unanimously negative, although many comments had seemed to be based on a misunderstanding of the purpose, status and timing of the proposal, conflated with accountability issues. According to a presentation during the BRGI session at ICANN 51, public comments were made around several themes: i) the poor timing of the proposed changes, which should have been considered after the IANA Stewardship Transition process, or as part of the enhancing ICANN accountability work; ii) concern that the threshold for rejecting GAC Advice would be different than for other SOs/ACs; iii) Concern that changes could remove any incentive for GAC involvement in policy development; iv) Lack of transparency in the selection of GAC members; and, v) Changes would create even more problems should GAC Advice move from consensus to voting.

In October 2014 the Board said that for these reasons the issue would be put **on hold, to be revisited in the future in the broader context of other changes across the ICANN community**.

## Implementation Notes

The implementation of this recommendation is on hold.

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.6 Implementation

Increase support and resource commitments of governments to the GAC

2 April 2015

## 6.6 Increase support and resource commitments of government to the GAC Status of Deliverables



June 2016  
Complete





### 6.6 Sub-Project Description

Subproject 6.6. is focused on increasing support and resource commitments of governments to the GAC and more specifically to identify and address barriers for participation, to improve procedures and to develop best practices.

The Working Group on GAC Working Methods (WGWM) is in charge of implementing this recommendation. Several of the points made in ATRT2 Rec 6.6 overlap with, and are addressed by, activities under other sub-projects, as noted in the table.

	Responsible	Due Date
<b>Identify</b> initiatives that can remove barriers for participation	WGWM	✓
<b>Implement</b> initiatives that can remove barriers for participation	WGWM	June 2016
Improve GAC procedures to ensure more efficient, transparent and inclusive decision-making	WGWM	Addressed under 6.1 – 6.3
Develop GAC engagement best practices .	GAC & BGRI	✓ GAC resolved to focus on other support means

	Complete
	Planned/In Process
	Behind schedule, expected to recover within original plan
	Behind schedule, original plan to be adjusted

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.6 Implementation

Increase support and resource commitments of governments to the GAC

2 April 2015

## Project Status

**Identify and address barriers to participation in the GAC:** There has already been significant progress in overcoming language barriers to participate in the GAC, with Communiqué, fact sheets, minutes and transcripts being made available in 7 languages and interpretation available for meetings and conference calls. A more extensive use of background briefing documents has also worked to reduce participation barriers, as has the increase of travel support slots for participants from developing economies. In a survey of the GAC following ICANN 52, the GAC rated initiatives to encourage participation in the GAC. Providing access to more relevant information was viewed as an effective way to encourage more active participation in the GAC. Providing more outreach was viewed as important and providing better information on the ICANN model was viewed as being helpful. However, providing more translation and/or interpretation was not widely viewed as helpful. This aspect of 6.6 is linked to recommendation 6.9 and the implementation thereof by JWG/GE and GSE staff.

**Improve GAC procedures to ensure more efficient, transparent and inclusive decision-making:** This generally worded recommendation serves as a principle for continuous improvement efforts, as addressed in 6.1 – 6.3 where a number of proposals and initiatives have been launched to encourage inclusiveness and active participation by GAC members and observers in its discussions and to enhance efficiency, effectiveness and the timely provision of decisions and advice.

**The BGRI working group should develop GAC engagement best practices for members:** The GAC considers this recommendation to be potentially sensitive and the GAC will not support the provision of undue advice regarding the internal affairs of individual governments. It should be noted that some aspects may be less sensitive than others: for instance, while ‘GAC Engagement Best Practice’ could likely advise GAC members to consult with local DNS stakeholders, it may be more controversial to advise that governments make “adequate resource commitments” for supporting ICANN-related work, since countries have different priorities and resources - and gauging ‘adequateness’ is also subjective. The suggestion about a Code of Conduct led to much discussion within the GAC during the Buenos Aires meeting and was mentioned in the Buenos Aires communiqué, which noted that each member already operates within his/her own government's code of conduct framework.

## Implementation Notes

The Working Group on GAC Working Methods (WGWM) is in charge of implementing this recommendation, noting that the second section of the recommendation, “Consider how the GAC can improve its procedures to ensure more efficient, transparent and inclusive decision-making,” is already covered by previous recommendations (Recommendations 6.1 – 6.3).

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.7 Implementation

Regularize Senior Officials meetings

2 April 2015

## 6.7 Regularize Senior Officials meetings



March 2015  
Complete

### 6.7 Sub-Project Description

Subproject 6.7 is focused on regularizing senior officials' meetings by: asking the GAC to convene a High Level meeting on a regular basis, preferably at least once every two years; inviting countries and territories that do not currently have GAC representatives to these meetings; and taking stock after each High Level meeting.

The GAC has implemented this recommendation.

## Status of Deliverables

	Responsible	Due Date
GAC agreement to convene regular, High Level meetings	GAC	✓
Establishing practice with High Level meetings in Toronto 2012, London 2014 and (in planning) Morocco 2016	GAC	✓
Approving and publishing guidelines for GAC High Level Governmental Meetings	GAC	✓



Complete

Planned/In Process

Behind schedule, expected to recover within original plan

Behind schedule, original plan to be adjusted

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.7 Implementation

## Regularize Senior Officials meetings

2 April 2015

### Project Status

**GAC agreement to convene regular, High Level meeting:** In its London -- ICANN 50 – Communiqué, the GAC agreed that “regular high-level meetings are beneficial, and (that it) will examine ways to maximize their benefits and continually improve the way they are arranged and scheduled.”

**Establishing practice of HLMGs:** The GAC established the practice of holding High Level meetings by doing so in Toronto in 2012, in London in 2014 and is now planning another for Morocco in 2016.

**Approving and publishing guidelines for GAC High Level Governmental Meetings:**

At ICANN 52 in Singapore, the GAC approved a set of guidelines for GAC High Level Governmental Meetings. The guidelines specify that ideally a host GAC member would self-nominate and inform the GAC one year in advance. They articulate expectations on host members before each High Level meeting, during the meeting, and after the meeting. The guidelines are published in the 7 UN languages on the GAC website at <https://gacweb.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=38502480>. The GAC agreed to consider it as a living document to be updated as needed and reviewed regularly as part of a stocktaking process after each HLMG.

### Implementation Notes

None



# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.8 Implementation

Develop government engagement guidelines

2 April 2015

## 6.8 Develop government engagement guidelines



April 2015  
Complete

## Status of Deliverables

	Responsible	Due Date
Enhance monthly GAC/ICANN leadership conference call format	Staff	✓
Enhance monthly GSE/GE related activities report	Staff	✓
Develop and publish government engagement guidelines	Staff	✓

## 6.8 Sub-Project Description

Subproject 6.8. is focused on developing guidelines for engaging governments, both current and non-GAC members, to ensure coordination and synergy of efforts between the GAC and the ICANN GSE team.



Complete

Planned/In Process

Behind schedule, expected to recover within original plan

Behind schedule, original plan to be adjusted

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.8 Implementation

## Develop government engagement guidelines

2 April 2015

### Project Status

The GAC Joint Working Group on Government Engagement (JWG/GE) was formed at ICANN 50. Staff and JWG/WG members engaged in discussions and proposed several initiatives at ICANN 51 in Los Angeles in October 2014. Actions that were agreed on and have now been implemented are:

- An enhanced format for the GAC/ICANN leadership conference call: these monthly calls now involve more relevant GAC members (notably the GAC Vice Chairs and GAC support staff including the ACIG Secretariat).
- An enhanced monthly GSE/GE related activities report – the new format has been implemented and is distributed to the full membership each month. Monthly reports are published on the GAC website at <https://gacweb.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=38502831#r>.
- Finally, the GAC and GSE/GE team have now finalized approved Guidelines for coordination between the GAC and ICANN's Global Stakeholder Engagement/Government Engagement Teams at <https://gacweb.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=38502831> and in so doing completed the implementation of recommendation 6.8.

### Implementation Notes

The guidelines have been completed, accepted and are now being implemented through staff work nationally, regionally and with IGO activities. The Guidelines are a working document that can be amended as communities request additional communication or methods of working together.

# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.9 Implementation

Develop goals for stakeholder engagement

2 April 2015

## 6.9 Develop goals for stakeholder engagement



XXX 2016  
Complete

## Status of Deliverables

	Responsible	Due Date
a. Develop goals for engagement with GAC and non-GAC member countries including database of relevant Ministers	Staff	ongoing
b. Utilize tools to better track ICANN response to GAC advice	Staff	Ongoing
c. Make ICANN's work relevant for stakeholders in parts of the world with limited participation	Staff	Ongoing
d. Develop and execute for each world region a plan to allow local enterprises and entrepreneurs to fully and on equal terms use of ICANN's services including new gTLDs (all regional plans by July 2016 but implementation work on going)	Staff	Ongoing

## 6.9 Sub-Project Description

Subproject 6.9. is focused on developing, with community input, a baseline and set of measurable goals for stakeholder engagement. Once the baseline is established and these goals are set implementation will be ongoing

Other work under 6.9 fits into the overall Rec 6 ongoing system enhancements and improvements



Complete

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# ATRT2 Recommendation 6.9 Implementation

## Develop baseline and set of measurable goals for stakeholder engagement

2 April 2015

### Project Status

Per Recommendation 6.9, the Board should instruct the GSE group to develop, with community input, a baseline and set of measurable goals for stakeholder engagement that addresses the following:

- a. Relationships with GAC and non-GAC member countries, including the development of a database of contact information for relevant government Ministers:** The relationships with GAC and non-GAC member countries have been strengthened through staff interactions in regions. The engagement work occurs within regions in capitals, with regional intergovernmental groups and in Geneva and New York through engagement with the relevant IGOs and IOs. The database of contact information for relevant government ministers is in development but budget constraints may delay implementation.
- b. Tools to summarize and communicate in a more structured manner government involvement in ICANN, via the GAC, as a way to increase the transparency on how ICANN reacts to GAC Advice (e.g. by using information in the GAC Advice Register):** in development : currently regular webinars and briefings are held; as well as distribution of educational materials; hosting of DNS regional forums, one to one meetings, regional commissions and ministerial meetings, etc.
- c. Making ICANN's work relevant for stakeholders in those parts of the world with limited participation:** ongoing development work. In practice, GSE implementation in the regions is according to community priorities as expressed in the community driven regional engagement planning and prioritization (regional strategies) and at GE team in Geneva in accordance with stakeholders preferences and global work.
- d. Develop and execute for each region of the world a plan to ensure that local enterprises and entrepreneurs fully and on equal terms can make use of ICANN's services including new gTLDs:** ongoing –four regions have strategies that have been developed by the multistakeholder regional communities, including participation from Governments in those regions, whether ICANN GAC members or not. One DNS entrepreneurship center has been started and is working in Egypt serving the Middle East and Africa region. Other regions are looking at it and the prospects of replication look good in developing regions.

### Implementation Notes

This work is ongoing and expressed in the regional engagement strategies and the work of the regional communities. Regional DNS forums have been launched; all regions have regular webinars that include government participation or are specific to Governments; in Geneva and NY regular briefings and technical presentations educate the diplomatic staff from the missions about the relevance of the DNS to their countries economy and to gain a better understanding of how the Internet works and therefore why what ICANN does is relevant and worth their participation. Communication has been on an invitation and then follow up push strategy to get additional materials to those entities that request briefings. The GAC communique and information on membership (including how to contact the GACSEC) are distributed and GAC membership and participation in ICANN are encouraged. <https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=35521555> has the regional engagement plans. GSE and GE will begin the FY16 work planning shortly to identify and prioritize those activities for the coming year. Part of that planning process is the further development of the community wiki space to encompass the metrics, forums and the regional projects.