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## Agenda Item 1: Opening Plenary & Meeting Overview

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### Issue

1. Introductions.
2. Overview of meetings.
3. GAC elections for Vice Chairs

### GAC Action Required

#### Introductions

GAC Members and Observers to introduce themselves via a *tour de table*.

#### Overview of Meetings

GAC to note the structure and timing of:

- a) GAC sessions
- b) Cross-community sessions
- c) Other sessions relevant to the GAC

and raise any questions that members may have.

#### GAC elections for Vice Chairs

GAC to note that nominations for the positions of GAC Vice Chair will be formally called for at the ICANN 62 meeting, and elections conducted at the ICANN 63 meeting.

### Current Position

#### Introductions

New Members and Observers will be introduced by the GAC Chair.

#### GAC Sessions

The key issues for the GAC to deal with at this meeting are:

- 1) **European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) ICANN compliance** – in particular ICANN contractual requirements with regard to WHOIS data. There are GAC sessions on this as well as a cross-community session.
- 2) **ICANN Accountability** – The CCWG Work Stream 2 is moving towards its final report and recommendations. The CCWG is meeting on Friday 9 March and there is a dedicated GAC session.
- 3) **Geographic Names at the top level** – in particular, GAC engagement with policy development through Work Track 5 of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP. There are two dedicated GAC sessions and Work Track 5 will also be meeting.

#### Cross-Community Sessions

Monday 12 March: GDPR WHOIS Compliance Models

This session will deal with the high priority issue of how ICANN WHOIS data requirements can best comply with the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The GAC is a sponsor of this session.

Monday 12 March: A Walk in the Shoes of a New gTLD Registry Operator

This session will address the range of policy and operational issues faced by new gTLD Registry Operators.

Monday 12 March: Name Collisions

Name collisions create problems when a private domain name (used, for example, in a private network) matches a name in the public domain name system and attempts to resolve in the public network. It has become an increased problem since the introduction of large number of new names under ICANN's New gTLD Program.

Wednesday 14 March: Open Data at ICANN – Developing Avenues Forward for Transparency

The ICANN [Open Data Initiative](#) is about making ICANN data sets available for easy public discovery and access, for example activities reported by contracted parties, data from ICANN meetings. This is not to be confused with the [Information Transparency Initiative](#), which is essentially about restructuring content across the ICANN website.

**Other sessions relevant to the GAC**

**SATURDAY 10 MARCH**

GAC Capacity Building Workshop 0830-1200

Registration Directory Services PDP Working Group 0830-1200

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group 0830-1200

Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP Working Group 1515-1830

**SUNDAY 11 MARCH**

New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross Community Working Group 1700-1830

**MONDAY 12 MARCH**

Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance 1330-1500

**TUESDAY 13 MARCH**

ICANN Draft Operating Plan and Budget FY19 (Session 1) 1330-1500

**WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH**

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Work Track 5 (Geographic Names) 0830-1015

Cross Community Working Party on ICANN and Human Rights 0830-1015

Impact of natural disasters on ccTLDs, registrars and registrants and mitigation of impact 0900-1015

ICANN Draft Operating Plan and Budget FY19 (Session 2) 1330-1500

IGO-INGO Curative Rights Protections PDP Working Group 1700-1830

Independent Review Process Standing Panel process 1700-1800

### THURSDAY 15 MARCH

Open Q&A with ICANN Org Executive Team 0900-1015

Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (ICANN Org) 1130-1200

### Further Information

GAC members will have noted that the ICANN public schedule has a new format.

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