

Meetings & Records

Full meetings of the GAC are usually conducted three times a year in conjunction with an ICANN public meeting. They may also be conducted intersessionally. GAC meetings are usually open. This part of the website provides access to past, present and future GAC meeting materials, including other calls and interactions the GAC has internally and with other groups.

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Introduction

Preparation Information for GAC Members

GAC Hybrid Meeting at ICANN79

San Juan, Puerto Rico

(GAC Members login recommended)

The ICANN79 Community Forum will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from Saturday 2 March through Thursday 7 March 2024. The 6-day meeting will be conducted as a hybrid event to accommodate both in-person and virtual attendance and the GAC schedule has been developed by the committee to leverage that hybrid format.

The meeting will present many opportunities for government attendee discussions and deliberations with time for the committee's various policy and advice priorities and bandwidth for Members to participate in important cross-community endeavors. During the meeting, committee members will continue their work on several key topics that have attracted priority attention from governments throughout the last several years. These topics will include (1) discussions regarding the program for the next round of new generic top-level domains; (2) Registration Data Services (RDS/WHOIS) and data protection policies; and (3) DNS abuse mitigation measures. In addition, GAC Members will discuss various operational issues, including plans for the ICANN80 High Level Government Meeting in Kigali, Rwanda.

As the committee continues to evolve its growing emphasis on capacity development for GAC delegates, the San Juan meeting will incorporate informational and knowledge building sessions on the first day of the meeting. After the GAC Opening Plenary session on Saturday (2 March) the meeting agenda will the first day will feature capacity building sessions focused on the management of ccTLDs, allocation of IP

addresses and a review of the role and functions of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA).

The rest of the ICANN79 program will involve a community-wide public forum and full community sessions regarding geopolitical matters. Much of the GAC's remaining program later in the week will be devoted to the drafting and preparations of the ICANN79 GAC Communiqué.

GAC Meeting Schedule:

- A copy of the most current GAC ICANN79 block schedule can be found at: <https://gac.icann.org/agendas/public/icann79-gac-schedule.pdf>
- The overall ICANN79 block schedule will be available at: <https://icann79.sched.com/>
- The complete schedule of ICANN79 Meeting "Prep Week" Webinars is available at: <https://icann79.sched.com/>

Health and Safety

ICANN org monitors local health and safety risks in addition to relevant advisories and guidance from governmental and related public agencies. We also work closely with our local partners supporting the event to develop and implement comprehensive event safety plans and procedures for a safe, healthy and productive meeting.

More details on health and safety measures for ICANN79 are available under "FAQ" section at <https://meetings.icann.org/en/meetings/icann79/#healthandsafety>

This information will be updated as events warrant.

Event Registration - Mandatory for in-person attendees

Anyone planning to attend ICANN79 in-person will be **required** to pre-register for the meeting **no later than 28 February 2024**. This will allow the ICANN Meetings Team to allocate on-site resources effectively. Registration for the meeting is now open. And virtual registration will remain available through 7 March 2024.

- Sign into Your ICANN Account or create an account [here](#).
- Register by selecting the Meeting Registration tile.
- Click on the Registration link.

GAC Support staff will reach out to the full GAC mailing list to remind all potential attendees (both in-person and remote) to register for the meeting.

At the bottom of this page, GAC Support staff has created individual web links to each GAC plenary session to enable attendees to access session connection information and supporting documentation as they are made available.

Meeting Page Updates

This page will continue to be updated as additional information (e.g., session agendas, pre-meeting briefings, etc.) about ICANN79 becomes available.



Calendar Invitations

It has become standard GAC practice to directly email calendar invitations to all GAC participants for all individual GAC sessions, community plenary (cross-community) sessions and notable community working group sessions. This will be done again for the hybrid format ICANN79 Community Forum.

The initial emailed calendar invitations for individual sessions are typically transmitted to GAC representatives and delegates a week or so before each public meeting. Specific call connection details are then added to the invitations as they become available the day before each session.

For ICANN79, invitations are expected to be sent during the ICANN Prep Week.

ICANN79 Zoom and Real Time Transcriptions (RTT)

- GAC members will receive Zoom link and RTT information via email in direct session calendar invite updates
- Every GAC Zoom room session will have a different distinct web link.
- Links to session recording and transcriptions will be posted after the public meeting week concludes.

GAC Briefings

[Until the start of the ICANN79 meeting, this content section will be amended from time to time with web links as various pre-session written briefings and other materials become available.]

In preparation for GAC Public Meetings, GAC topic leads and Support Staff have traditionally prepared a number of topical briefings for GAC members that provide (1) information about the objectives for each session topic, (2) updates on recent developments regarding the topic, (3) previews of the proposed session agendas and (4) links to other resources of information about the session subject matter. These briefings are supported by other ICANN org staff, as appropriate, to ensure factual accuracy.

Pre-ICANN79 GAC Webinars

Prior to the ICANN79 Community Forum, GAC participants had the opportunity to attend two (2) onboarding webinars dedicated to informing new participants about GAC operational basics and preparing attendees for their first ICANN meeting.

The first webinar scheduled on 8 February, was designed to help new GAC participants understand the basic operational functions of the committee.

The second webinar, scheduled on 27 February, shared with new committee participants the key pieces of information that they might find helpful for them to prepare for their meeting and to participate effectively.

Both webinars offered basic informational foundations useful for all participants. Links to both webinar events can be found at the top of this [GAC ICANN79 Meeting](#) page.

Other Pre-meeting Calls and Meetings:

ICANN Contracted Parties Basics Webinar on Thursday, 22 February at 14:00 UTC

Final Bilateral Prep Call for GAC on Monday, 26 February at 14:00UTC

Written Briefings

Applicable individual briefings for each of the scheduled GAC sessions at ICANN79 may be accessed via links provided below on this page in the “Materials” section of each session link.

Briefings are typically circulated to the GAC Membership about two weeks prior to the start of the public meeting and are planned to be made available on or about 20 February for the ICANN79 Public Meeting:

- Applicable individual Briefings for each of the scheduled GAC plenary sessions can be accessed via links provided on this page in the “Materials” section of each session link.
- All written briefings for each of the scheduled sessions may also be downloaded directly from this page. Watch this space for links to be posted approximately two weeks prior to the start of the public meeting:
- [All ICANN79 written briefings together as a ZIP file](#)
- [Individual ICANN79 written briefings as a single PDF file](#)

As developments warrant, GAC Support staff will provide updated materials to various session links on this web page right up until the start of the ICANN79 Community Forum.

Other Resource Briefing Documents

In addition to the resources on this web page, GAC Support staff is compiling preparation materials to help attendees fully utilize the remote connection services and resources that are being provided by ICANN org for the ICANN79 Community Forum. That documentation is developed for every GAC meeting in the form of a “one-stop” reference manual that consolidates various notices and reminders about meeting planning and logistics. A web link to the ICANN org document will be posted on this page after an email notice is made to GAC Members and Observers.

As they become available, this web page section will also provide links to preview and briefing documents prepared by the GNSO Support staff and the ICANN org Policy Development Support team.

- [GAC ICANN79 Annual General Meeting Logistics Details](#)
- [GNSO ICANN79 Briefing](#)
- [ICANN79 Policy Outlook Report](#)

For each ICANN Public Meeting, the ICANN organization (“ICANN org”) also publishes a general meeting guide for meeting attendees.

The [ICANN79 Participation Tools page](#) has all the information you need, including virtual and in-person participation guides, which are available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

Please contact GAC Support Staff at gac-staff@icann.org if you have questions about accessing any of these briefing documents.

Individual GAC ICANN79 Agenda Sessions

All GAC plenary session entries below reflect the time of the session in the “UTC” time zone.

Where appropriate, and as they become available, each GAC session link below is accompanied by links to a preparatory session briefing and other materials that are associated with the session. After the ICANN79 Meeting concludes, links to meeting session recordings will also be added to each session page link.

Please contact GAC Support Staff at gac-staff@icann.org if you have questions regarding any of these session preparations or arrangements.

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Wednesday, 17 January 2024

ICANN79 GAC Agenda Setting Call (1/2)

13:00 - 14:00 UTC | Closed Session

Monday, 22 January 2024

ICANN79 GAC Agenda Setting Call (2/2)

13:00 - 14:00 UTC | Closed Session

Thursday, 08 February 2024

GAC Welcome Webinar - Operational Basics - 8 February 2024

05:00 - 06:00 UTC | Closed Session

Monday, 26 February 2024

Final Bilateral Prep Call for GAC - ICANN79

14:00 - 15:00 UTC | Closed Session

Tuesday, 27 February 2024

Welcome to the GAC – Your First GAC/ICANN Public Meeting - 27 February 2024

11:00 - 12:00 UTC | Closed Session

Saturday, 02 March 2024

ICANN79 - Session 1 - GAC Opening Plenary

13:00 - 14:00 UTC

Materials:        

ICANN79 - Session 2 - GAC Capacity Development Workshop - IANA/PTI's role, cctLDs Transfer and IP Addresses Allocation

14:30 - 16:00 UTC

Materials:       

ICANN79 - Session 3 - GAC Capacity Development Workshop - ccTLDs Management and IP Addresses allocations (RIRs role)

17:15 - 18:30 UTC

Materials:        

ICANN79 - Session 4 - GAC Capacity Development Workshop - Language Breakout Session

19:00 - 20:00 UTC

Materials:       

ICANN79 - Session 5 - GAC High Level Government Meeting Discussion

20:15 - 21:30 UTC

Materials:        

Sunday, 03 March 2024

ICANN79 - Session 6 - GAC Brief on Universal Acceptance Strategies - UASG

13:00 - 14:00 UTC

Materials:        

ICANN79 - Session 7 - GAC Meeting with the ALAC

14:30 - 15:15 UTC

Materials:        

ICANN79 - Session 8 - GAC Meeting with the ASO

15:15 - 16:00 UTC

Materials:        

ICANN79 - Session 9 - GAC Discussion on New gTLD Program Next Round (1/2)

17:15 - 18:30 UTC

Materials:        

ICANN79 - Session 10 - GAC Discussion on New gTLD Program Next Round (2/2)

19:00 - 20:00 UTC

Materials:        

ICANN79 - Session 11 - GAC Strategic Planning Discussion

20:15 - 21:30 UTC

Materials:        

GAC 25 Year Reception

21:30 - 23:00 UTC

Monday, 04 March 2024

ICANN79 - Welcome Ceremony + Community Excellence Award

13:00 - 14:00 UTC

ICANN79 - Community Consultation on Public Interest Commitments/Registry Voluntary Commitments

14:30 - 16:00 UTC

ICANN79 - Session 12 - GAC Meeting with GNSO Contracted Parties House

17:15 - 18:30 UTC

Materials:        

ICANN79 - Session 13 - NomCom Outreach - Committee Presentation

19:00 - 19:30 UTC

Materials:       

ICANN79 - Session 14 - ICANN Compliance Update

19:30 - 20:00 UTC

Materials: 

ICANN79 - Session 15 - GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation

20:15 - 21:30 UTC

Materials:        

Tuesday, 05 March 2024

ICANN79 - Session 16 - GAC Community "Open Mic" Session

13:00 - 14:00 UTC

Materials:       

ICANN79 - Session 17 - GAC Discussion on WHOIS and Data Protection Policy (incl. Accuracy)

14:30 - 16:00 UTC

Materials:      

ICANN79 - GAC Commonwealth Meeting

16:00 - 17:00 UTC

ICANN79 - GAC Communique Drafting Session (1/7)

17:15 - 18:30 UTC

ICANN79 - Session 19 - GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board

19:00 - 20:00 UTC

Materials:        

ICANN79 - GAC Communique Drafting Session (2/7)

20:15 - 21:30 UTC

Wednesday, 06 March 2024

ICANN79 - Session 20 - GAC Meeting with the GNSO

13:00 - 14:00 UTC

Materials:        

ICANN79 - GAC Communique Drafting Session (3/7)

17:15 - 18:30 UTC

ICANN79 GAC Communique Drafting Session (4/7)

19:00 - 20:00 UTC

ICANN79 - GAC Communique Drafting Session (5/7)

20:15 - 21:30 UTC

Thursday, 07 March 2024

ICANN79 - GAC Communique Drafting Session (6/7)

13:00 - 14:00 UTC

ICANN79 - GAC Communique Drafting Session (7/7)

14:30 - 16:00 UTC

ICANN79 - Session 21- GAC Wrap-Up Session

19:00 - 20:00 UTC

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