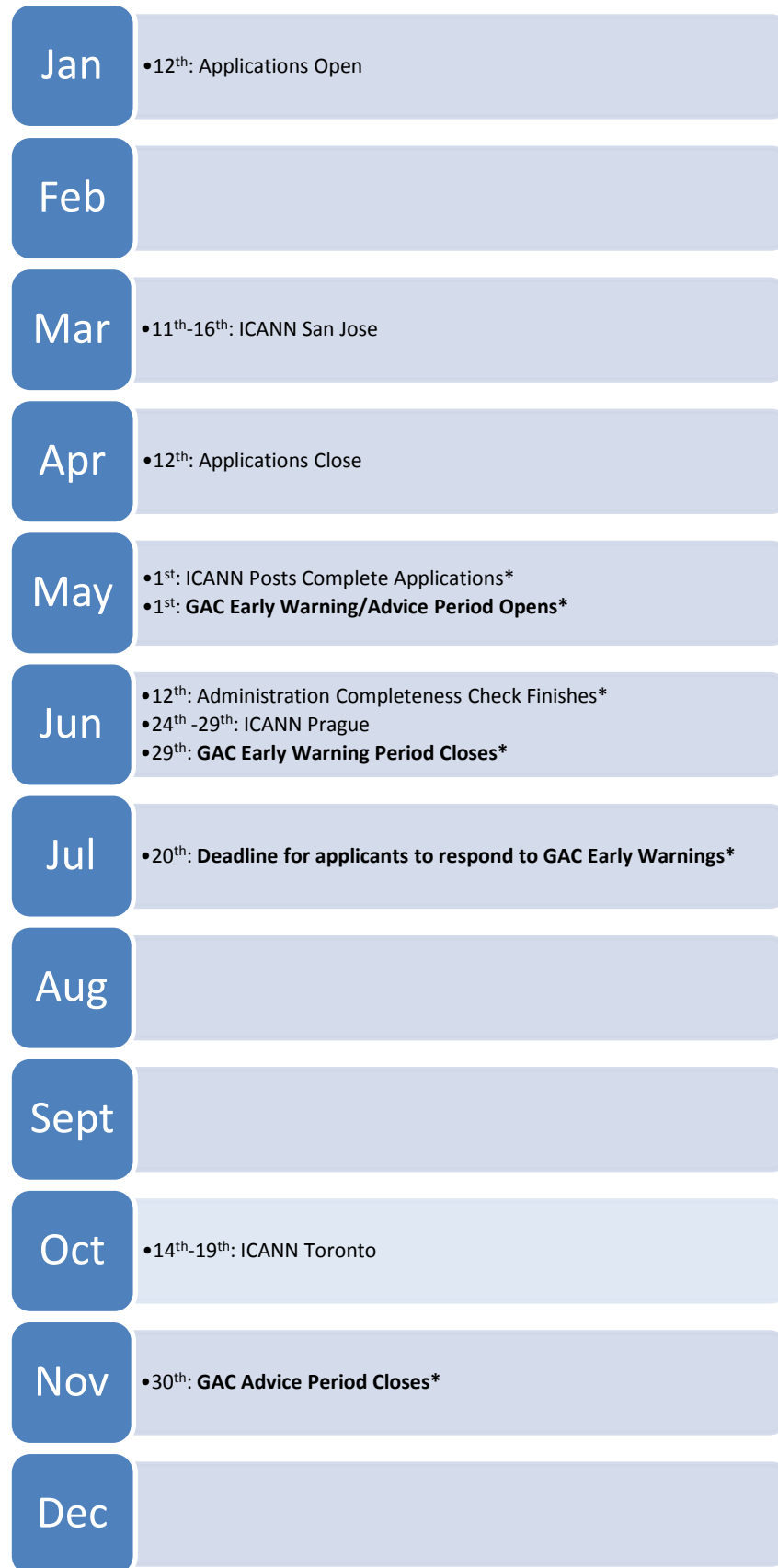


Proposed GAC New gTLD Advice & Early Warning Processes

ICANN Milestones 2012



Proposed GAC Processes

(see also 'Questions and potential issues for the GAC')

New gTLD Advice & Early Warning Periods open (early May – June 2011)

- ICANN notifies GAC that the new gTLD GAC Advice & Early Warning Periods have started and emails the list of strings, and a link to applications to a nominated GAC contact
- GAC members email any Early Warnings to the GAC list, on an agreed template
- GAC Secretariat monitors emails and maintains a list of strings that are subject to Early Warnings

Internal GAC deadline for Early Warnings (before ICANN Prague)

- GAC members provide Early Warnings to secretariat by no later than 18 June to allow collation prior to ICANN Prague
- Secretariat emails GAC list with all Early Warnings received, grouping together those that apply to the same string and/or applicant (if relevant)

GAC issues Early Warnings (ICANN Prague)

- GAC sends Early Warnings in agreed format to agreed ICANN point of contact (authentication issue)

Developing GAC advice (July – October)

- ICANN advises GAC of the status of applications that were the subject of Early Warnings (i.e. did any withdraw?) (24 July*)
- Secretariat compiles a list of any applications subject to Early Warnings that have not been withdrawn, and emails it to the GAC with a request for volunteers (string leads) to progress intersessional work (26 July*, volunteers notify GAC by 1 August*)
- String leads seek information on the positions of GAC members (6-20 August*)
- String leads summarise GAC member positions on each contentious string in background papers and provide to GAC no later than 4 weeks before ICANN Toronto to allow GAC members to obtain necessary clearance for national positions (by 14 September)

Finalising GAC advice (ICANN Toronto)

- GAC seeks consensus advice on contentious strings
- Chair provides GAC advice to the ICANN Board

* Estimated date