

## Overview of GAC Schedule at ICANN58, Copenhagen 11 - 16 March 2017

Time	Saturday 11th March	Sunday 12th March	Monday 13th March	Tuesday 14th March	Wed 15th March	Thurs 16th March
0800		8. GAC Protection of GeoNames Working Group Working Session	18. GAC Participation in the Nom Com WG Working Session	21. GAC Public Safety WG Working Session 2	31. GAC Meeting with Registrar Stakeholder Group	
0830	1. GAC Under-Served Regions WG Working Session 1	9a. Update: Red Cross Protections 9b. Update: IGO Protections	ICANN Opening Ceremony	22. New gTLDs - Policies (continued from Saturday)	32. GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board	Cross Community Session: Moving Towards a Data Driven ICANN
0900						
0930	2a. GAC Operating Principles WG Working Session	10a. GAC Implementation of new ICANN Bylaws	Morning Break	Morning Break	Morning Break	Morning Break
1000						
1030	Morning Break	Morning Break	Morning Break	Morning Break	Morning Break	Morning Break
1100	2b. GAC Operating Principles WG Working Session (continued)	10b. GAC Implementation of new ICANN Bylaws (continued)	19. GAC Under-Served Regions WG Working Session 2	23. Meeting with ccNSO	33. Briefing from ICANN Contractual Compliance Team	37. GAC Under-served Regions WG Presentation
1130						
1200	3. GAC HR&IL WG Working Session	11. Briefing from GAC CCT Review Team Representatives	Commonwealth Meeting (1200-1245)	24. Registry Directory Services (formerly WHOIS)	34. Independent Secretariat	38. GAC Operating Principles Review WG Presentation
1230						
1230	Lunch Break (& CVC Meeting)	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break (& CVC Meeting)	Lunch Break (& CVC Meeting)	Lunch Break
1345	4. GAC Opening Session Welcome & Overview	12. Discussion: Managing confidential GAC documents	Cross Community - Towards Effective DNS Abuse Mitigation (sponsored by GAC PSWG)	25. GAC PSWG Presentation to GAC	36a. Communique Drafting	ICANN Public Forum 2 (Part I)
1415						
1430	5a. CCWG Accountability WS2 - Reports from GAC Members	13. Meeting with GeoTLD Group	Open Session: Under Served Regions (sponsored by GAC USR WG)	26. GAC HR&IL WG Presentation to GAC	36b. Communique Drafting	ICANN Public Forum 2 (part II)
1500						
1500	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break
1530	5b. CCWG Accountability WS2 - Discussion	14. Meeting with the GNSO Council	Cross Community Session: Data Protection	27. GAC Participation in the Nom Com Presentation to GAC	36c. Communique Drafting	ICANN Public Forum 2 (part II)
1600						
1630	6a. New gTLDs - Policies			28. Preparation for meeting with ICANN Board		
1700	Transition Break	Transition Break	Transition Break	Transition Break	Transition Break	Transition Break
1730	6b. New gTLDs - Policies (continued)	15. GAC Protection of GeoNames WG Presentation to GAC	20. GAC Meeting: Council of Europe Data Protection Commissioners	ICANN Public Forum 1	29. Meeting with the ALAC	Public Board Meeting
1800						
1830	7. GAC Public Safety WG Working Session 1	16. BGRI - Briefing to GAC	Gala hosted by Danish Business Authority & Danish Internet Forum: Hall C2	30. IANA Customer Standing Committee - Briefing	36d. Communique Drafting (if needed)	Community Wrap-Up Cocktail
1900						
1930		17. Meeting with Universal Acceptance Steering Group				
2000				GAC & Commercial Stakeholder Group: Networking Reception		
2030						

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## Overview

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ICANN58 Copenhagen will bring together a huge range of people from the ICANN community. The GAC meeting is just one of many that will be held in parallel, at the same venue.

For details of the other meetings and workshops, please refer to the [ICANN58 Schedule](https://schedule.icann.org/) at <https://schedule.icann.org/>

We recommend you examine the ICANN58 Schedule closely, to see which other sessions you may wish to attend while you are in Copenhagen. Remote online access, in real time, is also available for most sessions via the above link. All times are in local, Copenhagen time.

**In addition to the GAC Meeting, sessions likely to be of interest to GAC Members include:**

- [CCWG Accountability Work Stream 2 Face to Face Meeting](#)  
09:00-18:00 Friday 10 March (Hall A2)
- Facilitated meeting to discuss protections for Red Cross/Red Crescent  
07:30-09:30 Saturday 11 March (Hall C1.4)
- Facilitated meeting to discuss protections for International Government Organisations (IGOs)  
18:30-20:30 Saturday 11 March (Hall C1.4)
- [Newcomer Day](#) - a series of informative, interactive discussions about ICANN and the Internet ecosystem held in a casual atmosphere led by staff and community members.  
10:00-15:45 Sunday 12 March 12 (Hall A1)
- [How it Works: DNS Fundamentals](#) – a refresher on basic DNS including; what it is, how it operates, and the differences between a registrant, registrar, and registry.  
11:00am-12:30 Sunday 12 March (Hall A3)
- [DNS Women's Cocktail](#) – a valuable networking opportunity for women GAC representatives.  
18:30- 20:00 Wednesday 15 March (Hall C1.1)

The [ICANN58 home page](#) contains useful information about:

- [Free shuttle bus services](#), from nearby hotels to the venue
- [Public transport](#), including a discount deal for ICANN58 attendees

## SATURDAY 11 MARCH – CONGRESS HALL A2

**The GAC Plenary meeting commences in the afternoon. All GAC Representatives should attend.**

In the morning several GAC Working Groups have working sessions. Each of these sessions will be led by the relevant Working Group Chairs and Co-Chairs. All GAC Working Group members should attend.

GAC Representatives who are not members of particular Working Groups are also encouraged to attend and contribute to discussions. The GAC Public Safety Working Group (PSWG) will hold its first Working Session at the end of the day.

	TIME	SESSION	OBJECTIVES	BRIEFINGS
1	0830 - 0930	<b>GAC Working Group on under-served regions Work Session</b>  Co-Chairs: Alice Munyua, African Union Commission; Pua Hunter, Cook Islands	Discussion of WG activities including survey, and Nairobi Workshop. Discuss next steps, including reporting to the GAC.	Working Session
2a	0930 - 1030	<b>GAC Operating Principles Working Group Working Session</b>  Co-Chairs: Rajiv Bansal, India; Manal Ismail, Egypt	Agree minor administrative changes to the OPs. Discuss and agree proposed next steps.	Working Session
	1030 – 1100	<b>Morning Break</b>		
2b	1100 - 1130	<b>GAC Operating Principles Working Group Working Session (continued)</b>  Co-Chairs: Rajiv Bansal, India; Manal Ismail, Egypt	Continued	Working Session
3	1130 - 1230	<b>GAC Human Rights and International Law Working Group Work Session</b>  Co-Chairs: Jorge Cancio, Switzerland; Mark Carvell, United Kingdom; Milagros Castanon, Peru	Overview of WG activities and work plan. Discuss next steps, including reporting to the GAC.	Working Session
	<b>1230-1345</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		

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	TIME	SESSION	OBJECTIVES	BRIEFINGS
4	1345 - 1415	<b>Opening Plenary</b>  GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider Tom Dale, ACIG GAC Secretariat.	Introductions. Develop a shared understanding of what will occur during the meeting.	Briefing from ACIG
5a	1415 - 1500	<b>CCWG Accountability Work Stream 2 – Reports from GAC Members</b>  Iran, Argentina, Denmark, Canada, Brazil	GAC Members of the CCWG Accountability Work Stream 2 to report on progress and next steps for the Working Group as it relates to the GAC.	Briefing from ACIG
	1500 - 1515	<b>Afternoon Break</b>		
5b	1515 - 1600	<b>CCWG Accountability Work Stream 2 (continued)</b>  Iran, Argentina, Denmark Canada, Brazil	GAC to discuss, plan and implement any next steps, as required.	
6a	1600 - 1645	<b>New gTLDs – Policies</b>  Jorge Cancio, Switzerland  <i>First of three sessions about new gTLDs – see also sessions 6a and 22</i>	Develop a shared understanding of relevant issues.	Briefing from ACIG
	1645 - 1700	<b>Transition Break</b>		
6b	1700 - 1830	<b>New gTLDs – Policies (continued)</b>  Jorge Cancio, Switzerland  <i>Second of three sessions about new gTLDs – see also sessions 6a and 22</i>	Develop a shared understanding of relevant issues.	
7	1830 - 2030	<b>GAC Public Safety Working Group Working Session</b>  Co-Chairs: Alice Munyua, African Union Commission; Wanawit Ahkupta, Thailand; Cathrin Bauer-Bulst, European Commission	Discuss status and next steps of PSWG activities and work plan, including reporting to the GAC.	Working Session

## SUNDAY 12 MARCH – CONGRESS HALL 2A

**This is the second day of the formal GAC Plenary sessions. All GAC Representatives should attend.**

Note that the 0800 Working Group session will convene without ICANN technical support.

	TIME	SESSION	OBJECTIVES	BRIEFINGS
8	0800 - 0900	<b>GAC Working Group for the Protection of Geographic Names in any expansion of new gTLDs Working Session</b>  Chair: Olga Cavalli, Argentina	Overview of WG activities and work plan. Discuss next steps, including reporting to the GAC.	Working Session
9a	0900 - 0920	<b>Update: Red Cross / Red Crescent Protections</b>  GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider	Update for GAC Members	Briefing from ACIG
9b	0920-0945	<b>Update: IGO Protections</b>  GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider	Update for GAC Members	As above
10a	0930 - 1030	<b>GAC Implementation of the new ICANN Bylaws</b>  GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider	Agree, specifically or in principle, on GAC procedures under the new Bylaws with regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GAC in the Empowered Community</li> <li>• Appointments to external bodies</li> <li>• Consensus advice</li> </ul>	Briefing from ACIG - pending
	<b>1030 - 1100</b>	<b>MORNING BREAK</b>		
10b	1100 - 1200	<b>GAC Implementation of the new ICANN Bylaws (continued)</b>  GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider	Continuation of Session 10a (above)	

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11	1200 - 1230	<p><b>Briefing from GAC CCT Review Team Members</b></p> <p>Laureen Kapin, USA; Megan Richards, European Commission</p>	Receive an update from the GAC Members of the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice (CCT) Review Team on the draft CCTRT Report.	Briefing from ACIG
	<b>1230-1345</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		
12	1345 - 1430	<p><b>Discussion: Managing confidential GAC documents</b></p> <p>GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider</p>	Develop a shared understanding of relevant issues.	Briefing from ACIG
13	1430 - 1500	<p><b>Meeting with geoTLD Group</b></p> <p>GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider</p>	Develop a shared understanding of relevant issues.	Briefing from ACIG
	1500 - 1515	<b>Afternoon Break</b>		
14	1515 - 1645	<p><b>Meeting with GNSO</b></p> <p>GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider GNSO Council Chair, James Bladel</p>	Develop a shared understanding of relevant issues.	Briefing from ACIG
	1645 - 1700	<b>Transition Break</b>		
15	1700 - 1745	<p><b>GAC Working Group for the Protection of Geographic Names in the Expansion of new gTLDs – Presentation to GAC</b></p> <p>Olga Cavalli, Argentina</p>	Develop a shared understanding of relevant issues.	Briefing from ACIG
16	1745 - 1830	<p><b>BGRI Presentation to GAC</b></p> <p>Markus Kummer, ICANN Board; Manal Ismail, Egypt</p>	Develop a shared understanding of relevant issues.	Briefing from ACIG
17	1830 – 1900	<p><b>Meeting with Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG)</b></p> <p>Manal Ismail, Egypt; Don Hollander, UASG</p>	<p>Presentation from UASG, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update the GAC with UASG activities</li> <li>• Suggestions for ensuring UA readiness</li> </ul>	Briefing from ACIG

## MONDAY 13 MARCH

**This day includes ICANN's formal Opening Ceremony. All GAC Members are encouraged to attend.**

There are two GAC Working Group internal working sessions also scheduled for this day. The members of those particular GAC Working Groups should attend. GAC Representatives who are not members of particular Working Groups are also encouraged to attend and contribute to discussions.

Note that the 0800 Working Group session will convene without ICANN technical support.

A bilateral meeting between the GAC and the Council of Europe Data Protection Commissioners is scheduled in the late afternoon. All GAC Members are encouraged to attend.

The day ends with ICANN's Gala Evening, a social event for everyone (entry, meals and drinks are provided free of charge).

	TIME	SESSION	OBJECTIVES	BRIEFINGS
18	0800 – 0900	<b>GAC Participation in the Nom Com Working Group Working Meeting</b>  Chair: Olga Cavalli, Argentina	Overview of WG activities and work plan. Discuss next steps, including reporting to the GAC.	Working Session
	0900-1030	<i>ICANN Opening Ceremony</i>		
	<b>1030-1100</b>	<b>MORNING BREAK</b>		
19	1100 – 1200	<b>GAC Under-Served Regions Working Group Working Meeting</b>  Co-Chairs: Pua Hunter, Cook Islands; Alice Munyua, AUC	This is the second of two internal working meetings for this working group.	Working Session
	1200-1245	<i>Commonwealth Meeting</i>		
	<b>1230-1345</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		
	1345 - 1500	<i>ICANN Cross Community Session: Towards Effective DNS Abuse Mitigation: Prevention, Mitigation and Response.</i>  Cross Community Topic proposed by the GAC PSWG, to focus on ICANN's efforts, based on answers to questions in Annex 1 of Hyderabad Communique with expected contributions from ICANN's SSR Team and Contractual Compliance.		

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	TIME	SESSION	OBJECTIVES	BRIEFINGS
	<b>1500-1515</b>	<b>AFTERNOON BREAK</b>		
	1515 - 1645	<p><i>ICANN Open Session: Under-Served Regions in the ICANN Community – How to better engage?</i> Session supported by the GAC Under-Served Regions WG.</p> <p>Note that this session runs in parallel (at the same time) to the session described below.</p>		
	1515 - 1645	<p><i>ICANN Cross Community Session: Data Protection</i></p> <p>Note that this session runs in parallel (at the same time) to the session described above.</p>		
	<b>1645-1700</b>	<b>TRANSITION BREAK</b>		
	1700 - 1830	<p><i>ICANN Public Forum 1</i></p> <p>Note that this session runs in parallel (at the same time) to the session described below.</p>		
20	1700 – 1830	<p>GAC Bilateral Meeting with Council of Europe Data Protection Commissioners</p> <p>GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider</p>	Develop a shared understanding of the relevant issues.	Briefing from ACIG
	1830 - 2030	<b>ICANN GALA EVENING</b>		



## TUESDAY 14 MARCH – CONGRESS HALL 2A

This is the third day of the formal GAC Plenary sessions. All GAC Representatives should attend.

Note that the 0800 Working Group session will convene without ICANN technical support.

	TIME	SESSION	OBJECTIVES	BRIEFINGS
21	0800 - 0900	<p><b>GAC Public Safety Working Group Working Meeting</b></p> <p>Co-Chairs: Alice Munyua, African Union Commission; Wanawit Ahkuputra, Thailand; Cathrin Bauer-Bulst, European Commission</p>	This is the second of two internal working sessions for this GAC WG.	Working Session
22	0900 - 1030	<p><b>New gTLDs – Policies (continued)</b></p> <p>Jorge Cancio, Switzerland</p> <p><i>Third of three sessions about new gTLDs – see also sessions 6a &amp; 6b</i></p>	Develop a shared understanding of relevant issues.	Refer to briefing provided for session 6a
	<b>1030-1100</b>	<b>MORNING BREAK</b>		
23	1100 - 1200	<p><b>Meeting with ccNSO</b></p> <p>GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider, ccNSO Chair, Katrina Sataki</p>	<p>Discussion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PDP Retirement of ccTLD and Review Mechanism for the decisions on delegation, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs</li> <li>• Update by the CCWG on the use of country and territory names as TLDs (CWG-UCTN)</li> </ul>	Briefing from ACIG
24	1200 - 1230	<p><b>Registry Directory Services</b></p> <p>Alice Munyua, African Union Commission; Wanawit Ahkuputra, Thailand; Cathrin Bauer-Bulst, European Commission</p>	Discussion of RDS issues (formerly WHOIS) including the upcoming RDS Review for which a review team is being formed.	Briefings from Working Group
	<b>1230-1345</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		

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25	1345 - 1430	<b>GAC Public Safety WG Presentation to GAC</b>  Alice Munyua, African Union Commission; Wanawit Ahkupta, Thailand; Cathrin Bauer-Bulst, European Commission	Update and discussion of key public safety topics.	Briefings from Working Group
26	1430 - 1500	<b>GAC Human Rights &amp; International Law WG Presentation to GAC</b>  Jorge Cancio, Switzerland; Mark Carvell, UK; Milagros Castanon, Peru	Briefing about the draft Framework of Interpretation for the new Human Rights Core Value in the ICANN Bylaws.	Briefing from ACIG
	<b>1500-1515</b>	<b>AFTERNOON BREAK</b>		
27	1515 - 1600	<b>GAC Participation in the Nom Com WG Presentation to GAC</b>  Olga Cavalli, Argentina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorse selection criteria for any GAC participation in the Nom Com</li> <li>• Discuss whether (or not) GAC should participate more actively in the Nom Com process</li> </ul>	Briefing from ACIG
28	1600 – 1645	<b>Preparation for GAC meeting with the ICANN Board</b>	Agree an agenda for meeting with the ICANN Board during ICANN58	Briefing from ACIG
	<b>1645-1700</b>	<b>TRANSITION BREAK</b>		
29	1700 - 1800	<b>Meeting with the ALAC</b>  Thomas Schneider, GAC Chair; Alan Greenberg, ALAC Chair	Discuss issues of shared interest.	Briefing from ACIG
30	1800 – 1830	<b>IANA Customer Standing Committee Briefing</b>  Elise Lindeberg, Norway	Develop a shared understanding of relevant issues.	Briefing from ACIG
	1830 - 2000	Commercial Stakeholders Group (CSG)	Social event sponsored by the CSG, for GAC Representatives	

## WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH – CONGRESS HALL 2A

This is the fourth day of the formal GAC Plenary sessions. All GAC Representatives should attend.

	TIME	SESSION	OBJECTIVES	BRIEFINGS
31	0800 - 0900	<b>GAC Meeting with Registrar Stakeholder Group</b>	Develop a shared understanding of relevant issues.	Briefing from ACIG
32	0900 - 1030	<b>GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board</b>	Discussion of issues with the ICANN Board	Topics for discussion decided during session 28
	<b>1030-1100</b>	<b>MORNING BREAK</b>		
33	1100 - 1130	<b>Briefing from ICANN Contractual Compliance Team</b>  Maguy Serad, VP Contractual Compliance, ICANN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implementation of GAC Safeguard Advice</li> <li>2. Contractual compliance levels with GAC Safeguard Advice</li> <li>3. Consumer Trust and public policy outcomes from the current contract and safeguard advice</li> </ol>	Briefing from ACIG
34	1130 - 1200	<b>Independent GAC Secretariat</b>  GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider	Discussion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level of funding for current calendar year</li> <li>• Level of commitment for the future</li> <li>• Possible future arrangements</li> </ul>	
35	1200 - 1230	<b>Planning for ICANN59</b>  GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider	Identify critical issues for discussion at the Johannesburg Policy Forum four-day meeting (ICANN59)	Timeline for ICANN59
	<b>1230-1345</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		
36a	1345 - 1500	<b>Communique Drafting</b>  GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider		Draft versions of the communique will be circulated shortly before and during the meeting.
	<b>1500-1515</b>	<b>AFTERNOON BREAK</b>		

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36b	1515 - 1645	<b>Communique Drafting (continued)</b>  GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider		
	<b>1645-1700</b>	<b>TRANSITION BREAK</b>		
36c	1700 - onwards	<b>Communique Drafting (continued)</b>  GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider		

## THURSDAY 16 MARCH – CONGRESS HALL 2A

There is an ICANN cross-community session in the morning. The GAC will then meet for full plenary sessions between 1100 and 1230.

After that GAC Members are encouraged to attend and participate in ICANN's public forum, public board meeting and community wrap-up social event.

	TIME	SESSION	OBJECTIVES	BRIEFINGS
	0900 - 1030	<i>ICANN Cross Community Topic: Moving Towards a Data Driven ICANN</i>		
	1030 - 1100	<b>Morning Tea Break</b>		
37	1100 - 1130	<b>GAC Under-Served Regions WG Presentation to Plenary</b>  Pua Hunter, Cook Islands; Alice Munyua, AUC.	Presentation: activities of the working group	Briefing from Working Group
38	1130 - 1230	<b>GAC WG on Operating Principles Presentation to Plenary</b>  GAC Chair, Thomas Schneider	WG will seek GAC agreement on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor administrative amendments to the Operating Principles</li> <li>• Proposed new way forward.</li> </ul>	Briefing from ACIG
	<b>1230-1345</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		
	1345 - 1645	<i>ICANN Public Forum 2</i>		
	<b>1645 - 1700</b>	<b>TRANSITION BREAK</b>		
	1700 - 1830	<i>ICANN Public Board Meeting</i>		
	1830 - 2000	<i>ICANN Community Wrap-Up social event</i>		