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GAC Meetings typically contain a number of forms of documentation that are published on this website for public information. At meetings there are presentations and various types of papers distributed; in addition, at the end of every ICANN meeting a formal communiqué is issued by the GAC, commenting on the issues that have been discussed. Finally, transcripts of open sessions are released a few weeks after meetings.

Who can attend GAC meetings?

Since mid-2013, GAC meetings have been open, except for Communiqué drafting sessions. This means that anyone can attend a GAC meeting or follow the meeting live online in real-time, or consult detailed meeting records after the meeting. Meetings have been open since ICANN 47.

The exception to open meetings are 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 and 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. A second exception to open meetings may be GAC agenda-setting conference calls that are not concerned with substantive decision-making. Finally, the GAC may on occasion need to hold a private meeting if the topic of discussion is a sensitive and purely internal matter. In these cases, the GAC agenda clearly shows the 'closed' nature of a session by coloring it in red (See ICANN 52 agenda for example).

ICANN Constituency Travel Community wiki page:

<https://community.icann.org/display/trvlconstit/Constituency+Travel+Home>

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Annex to Complainant's Supplemental Brief

Interview by ICANN, of GAC Chair Heather Dryden, May 10, 2013. Entire interview found on ICANN's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9hZCGnRh0I>

Excerpt of first 90 seconds transcribed by Complainant's counsel:

[Interviewer] Heather Dryden, chair of the Governmental Advisory Committee, thank you first of all for answering our questions.

[Dryden] Thank you, it's good to have this opportunity I think to talk a bit about the GAC and a bit about the communique.

[Interviewer] Heather, let's jump right into it. Since the Beijing and even during the Beijing meeting there was a lot said about the GAC communique and the GAC meeting there in Beijing. Why so much coming up in the community about both the communique and the meeting?

[Dryden] I think in part and in hindsight it's a result of us having those discussions in a closed format and in doing this it meant that the community didn't have the benefit of seeing the exchanges among colleagues in the GAC which were really substantive and interesting, so now that were seeing these questions arise were having to deal with them after the fact.

[Interviewer] So what I'm hearing you say is had these meeting been more open these questions would have been answered at the time?

[Dryden] I think they would have or at least better answered. The discussions that we had in the GAC around this were very interesting, they were substantial and so it's unfortunate that the community was not able to see that at work.

[Interviewer] You're the chair of the GAC, why weren't the meetings open?

[Dryden] I think because of the sensitive nature of some of the discussions that some GAC members felt it would have been a bit too difficult to accomplish our work and so we had made the decision to close those meetings.

[Interviewer] Moving forward, will the GAC meetings be more open?

[Dryden] Yes.

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From: board-gtlds-bounces@icann.org on behalf of [Redacted - Contact Information]
Sent: Thursday, July 04, 2013 11:09 AM
To: [Redacted - Contact Information]
Cc: board-gtlds@icann.org
Subject: Re: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

No. Not a safe assumption. For *this* meeting, please take the guidance I am offering. Any discussions about these strings are extremely sensitive for a few reasons. I've named one i.e. that these terms are related to religion. The other reasons I am not prepared to outline in an email.

-----Original Message-----

From: Ray Plzak [Redacted - Contact Information]
Sent: Thursday, July 4, 2013 2:03 PM
To: Dryden, Heather: SPS; [Redacted - Contact Information]
Cc: board-gtlds@icann.org
Subject: RE: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

So in any meeting between the NGPC or the Board with the GAC, there will be no discussion about any pending application such as happened in Beijing with dot Africa?

Ray

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted - Contact Information]
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 2:29 PM
To: [Redacted - Contact Information]
Cc: board-gtlds@icann.org
Subject: RE: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

All,

To reiterate, this will not be a meeting of the GAC, but a meeting available to the subset of Members in the GAC that has a direct interest in these strings. In other words, the GAC as a whole would not be discussing or commenting on these religious terms beyond the written advice already conveyed via the GAC to the NGPC and accepted.

Please treat this guidance as being "from the GAC" in terms of how to conduct the Board/GAC dialogue that is outlined in the guidebook.

The alternative would be for the whole GAC to read the written advice out loud verbatim in a meeting with the NGPC but I suspect that this would be less useful for all concerned.

Best,
Heather

From: board-gtlds-bounces@icann.org
[mailto:board-gtlds-bounces@icann.org] On Behalf Of Chris Disspain
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2013 10:16 AM
To: Ray Plzak

Cc: board-gtlds@icann.org

Subject: Re: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

Ray,

In haste..

Another question, are these proceedings going to be recorded and is this session open to the public?

Yes as to open. Don't know as to recorded.

More on the rest, my tomorrow.

Cheers,

Chris

On 02/07/2013, at 23:41 , Ray Plzak wrote:

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Ray

From: Chris Disspain [Redacted - Contact Information]

Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 8:54 AM

To: Ray Plzak

Cc: board-gtlds@icann.org

Subject: Re: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

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Chris

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Ray

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Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 8:20 PM

To: Ray Plzak

Cc: board-gtlds@icann.org Committee gTLD

Subject: Re: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

Ray,

See that attached, particularly point 3 of the scorecard. We are following the resolutions we passed.

Cheers,

Chris

On 02/07/2013, at 07:28 , Ray Plzak

Redacted - Contact Information

wrote:

Which begs the issue, is this the best approach for the board? I do not seem to recall that the NGPC has raised particular concerns regarding the GAC advice and these particular applications. In any event, is it not up to the board to decide if it needs to consult further rather than the applicant to initiate the consultation?

Ray

board-gtlds mailing list

board-gtlds@icann.org

<https://mm.icann.org/mailman/listinfo/board-gtlds>

From: Jamie Hedlund </O=OICANN/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JAMIE.HEDLUND_ICANNDEX>
Sent: Sunday, July 07, 2013 6:08 AM
To: Cherine Chalaby
Cc: Akram Atallah; Chris Disspain
Subject: Re: Agenda

Chris and I exchanged emails about this. GAC advice should probably be on the agenda for both meetings in Durban:

For Saturday, it's to prepare for the dialogue with the GAC on Tuesday re IGO protections and Category 1 advice.

For Wednesday, it's to address any follow up items from the Tuesday NGPC-GAC dialogue and to prepare for smaller dialogue on Halal and Islam on Thursday.

Best,
Jamie

On Jul 7, 2013, at 8:40, "Cherine Chalaby" Contact Information Redacted wrote:

Akram,
Agree. Item 4 must go the BGC first. Also check with Chris and Jamie re: GAC Advice e.g. Category 1.
Thanks
Cherine

From: Akram Atallah <akram.atallah@icann.org>
Date: Thursday, 4 July 2013 04:55
To: Cherine Mohsen Chalaby Contact Information Redacted , Cherine Mohsen Chalaby <cherine.chalaby@icann.org>
Subject: Agenda

Cherine, congratulations on the revolution V2! I hope all moves fast and peacefully!

Regarding the next NGPC meeting in Durban, we have not seen the agenda yet and I wanted to make sure we cover a few items:

1. Funding all the objections requires board approval
2. The CRM system that we're migrating to requires board approval
3. The ombudsman provided a couple of letters to the board that we need to answer.
4. Reconsideration request 13-4 from Sophia Bekele for .Africa

The first 2 are urgent but can be dealt with quickly, the third one is not urgent but it has been a while and we need to reply to it and the last one should be handled by the BGC unless you deem otherwise. Anyway, I thought we should decide on the agenda sooner than later to prepare all the papers/resolutions. Please let me know if you want to discuss, thanks

From: board-gtlds-bounces@icann.org on behalf of Ray Plzak
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 10:22 AM
To: Cherine Chalaby; Michelle Bright; Megan Bishop
Cc: board-gtlds@icann.org
Subject: Re: [board-gtlds] Agenda for NGPC meetings in Durban.
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

Redacted - Contact Information

Why are items 1 and 2 of the main agenda for the 13 July meeting on the agenda for this committee? What causes them to be on this agenda? These should be moved to the Board agenda.

Item 2 of the main agenda for the 17 July meeting refers to the GAC, however, the Chair of the GAC has made it clear that this is not a meeting with the GAC. Please change the item to something more appropriate.

Ray

From: board-gtlds-bounces@icann.org [<mailto:board-gtlds-bounces@icann.org>] **On Behalf Of** Cherine Chalaby
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2013 6:29 AM
To: Michelle Bright; Megan Bishop
Cc: board-gtlds@icann.org Committee gTLD Program
Subject: [board-gtlds] Agenda for NGPC meetings in Durban.

Michelle,

The proposed Agenda for the first NGPC meeting in Durban on Saturday 13 July is:

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of minutes

Main Agenda

1. Funding all the objections requires board approval
2. The CRM system that we're migrating to requires board approval
3. The ombudsman provided a couple of letters to the board that we need to answer
4. Prepare for Dialogue with the GAC on Tuesday 16 July re: IGO protections and Category 1 advice.

The proposed Agenda for the second NGPC meeting in Durban on Wednesday 17 July is:

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of minutes.

Main Agenda

1. Address any follow up items from the Tuesday NGPC – GAC dialogue
2. Prepare for another dialogue with the GAC on .halal and .islam

3. Reconsideration request 13-4 from Sophia Bekele for .Africa (subject to BGC making a recommendation).

Please ask staff to prepare the relevant papers.

Regards

Cherine

From: Megan Bishop </O=OICANN/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MEGAN.BISHOP_ICANNDEX>
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 12:26 PM
To: Jamie Hedlund
Subject: FW: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

Megan Bishop
Board Support Coordinator

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Los Angeles, CA 90094
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Direct: +1-310-301-5808

From: Raymond Plzak; Redacted - Contact Information
Date: Monday, July 1, 2013 12:18 PM
To: Megan Bishop <megan.bishop@icann.org>, "board-gtlds@icann.org" <board-gtlds@icann.org>
Subject: RE: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

I do not like this. Why isn't this being discussed in the scheduled meeting of the GAC and the NGPC.

Ray

From: board-gtlds-bounces@icann.org [<mailto:board-gtlds-bounces@icann.org>] **On Behalf Of** Megan Bishop
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 3:05 PM
To: board-gtlds@icann.org
Subject: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

Dear NGPC member,

There will be a meeting of the GAC with interested members of the NGPC to discuss the advice on .HALAL and .ISLAM on **Thursday, 18 July 2013** likely at 11am local time (most likely 90 minutes in duration).

Please indicate whether you are available to attend. Exact time and venue will be sent separately in a calendar invite.

Thank you,
Megan

Megan Bishop
Board Support Coordinator

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Redacted - Contact Information

From: Jamie Hedlund
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 12:49 PM
To: Chris Disspain
Subject: FW: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

Ray has completely distorted the meaning of my note. But unless you disagree, I'm not going to respond and provoke him further. I have work to do. ;-)

From: Ray Plzak [Redacted - Contact Information]
Date: Monday, July 1, 2013 3:42 PM
To: Heather Dryden [Redacted - Contact Information] Megan Bishop <megan.bishop@icann.org>, "board-gtlds@icann.org" <board-gtlds@icann.org>
Subject: Re: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

Then this sounds like lobbying. Given Jamie's note regarding contact with governments, I think that this is best if it is the full GAC and the full NGPC.

Ray

From: board-gtlds-bounces@icann.org [mailto:board-gtlds-bounces@icann.org] On Behalf Of [Redacted - Contact Information]
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 3:34 PM
To: megan.bishop@icann.org; board-gtlds@icann.org
Subject: Re: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

Thanks, Megan.

Attendance from GAC side will be GAC Members with a direct interest in these strings, rather than with the full GAC.

Heather

From: Megan Bishop [mailto:megan.bishop@icann.org]
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 03:04 PM
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Thank you,
Megan

Megan Bishop
Board Support Coordinator

From: Jamie Hedlund
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 1:44 PM
To: Heather.Dryden@ic.gc.ca
Subject: Re: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

Heather,

Just so you know, my view is that Ray has distorted the meaning of the note I sent to the Board. Having said that, I'm not sure it would be productive to try to correct him on this point. If you disagree, please let me know. Thanks.

Best,
Jamie

From: Heather Dryden; Redacted - Contact Information
Date: Monday, July 1, 2013 4:38 PM
To: Redacted - Contact Information Megan Bishop <megan.bishop@icann.org>, "board-gtlds@icann.org" <board-gtlds@icann.org>
Subject: Re: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

There is a guidebook requirement that the Board enter into a dialogue to understand the full scope of the concerns raised in the GAC's advice. In my view, it's a matter of identifying an approach to handling this requirement that takes into account the sensitivities associated with the GAC as a whole advising on, and discussing, religious matters while keeping an appropriate level of openness to the exchange.

From: Ray Plzak; Redacted - Contact Information
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 03:42 PM
To: Dryden, Heather: SPS; megan.bishop@icann.org <megan.bishop@icann.org>; board-gtlds@icann.org <board-gtlds@icann.org>
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Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 7:51 AM
To: Jamie Hedlund
Subject: Re: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

And materials for Adobe Connect? Will those be coming later today or will there be any?

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Redacted - Contact Information

From: Jamie Hedlund <jamie.hedlund@icann.org>
Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2013 7:38 AM
To: Megan Bishop <megan.bishop@icann.org>
Subject: Re: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

Yes.

On Jul 2, 2013, at 10:28, "Megan Bishop" <megan.bishop@icann.org> wrote:

See Ray's note below - should I indeed have the meeting tomorrow scribed?
They are scheduled as of now.

Thanks
Megan

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Redacted - Contact Information

From: Raymond Plzak <Redacted - Contact Information>
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Cc: "board-gtlds@icann.org" <board-gtlds@icann.org>
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Ray

[board-gtlds mailing list](#)

From: Jeannie Ellers
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2013 12:10 AM
To: Michelle Bright; Megan Bishop
Cc: Jamie Hedlund
Subject: Re: NGPC/GAC dialogue on Thursday

Yes

On 7/12/13 9:09 AM, "Michelle Bright" <michelle.bright@icann.org> wrote:

>
>Jeannie - just to be clear, you are talking about the 'NGPC-GAC dialogue on
>.halal and .islam' correct?

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>On 7/12/13 7:48 AM, "Jeannie Ellers" <jeannie.ellers@icann.org> wrote:

>

>>Hi Megan,

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>>This discussion will be taking place in Hall 4C.

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>>A transcript and recording has been ordered as well.

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>>Please update the invitation.

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>>Best,

>>

>>Jeannie

>>

>>Sent from my iPhone

From: Jamie Hedlund </O=OICANN/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JAMIE.HEDLUND_ICANNDEX>
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 3:25 PM
To: Chris Disspain
Subject: Re: Follow-up regarding GAC advice on .islam and .halal

How exciting. I wonder who the Egyptian GAC rep will be.

On Jul 3, 2013, at 18:23, "Chris Disspain" Redacted - Contact Information wrote:

Cheers,

Chris

Begin forwarded message:

From: Redacted - Contact Information
Subject: FW: Follow-up regarding GAC advice on .islam and .halal
Date: 4 July 2013 03:08:46 AEST
To: Redacted - Contact Information
Cc: <jeannie.ellers@icann.org>, <olof.nordling@icann.org>

Looks like we are a "go".

-----Original Message-----

From: Abdulrahman Al Marzouqi Redacted - Contact Information
Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2013 1:23 AM
To: Dryden, Heather: SPS
Cc: Redacted - Contact Information
Subject: RE: Follow-up regarding GAC advice on .islam and .halal

Dear Heather,

Thank you for your email, yes we will definitely be interested in clarifying the concerns with the NGPC. I will be available on suggested time and I will ask the other GAC members who shared the concern to participate.

Regards,

Abdulrahman Almarzouqi
Manager Internet Advancements
Policy Programs Department

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-----Original Message-----

From: Redacted - Contact Information
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 12:24 AM
To: Abdulrahman Al Marzouqi
Cc: Redacted - Contact Information
Subject: Follow-up regarding GAC advice on .islam and .halal

Dear Mr. Abdulrahman Al Marzooqi,

Following the GAC Advice issued in Beijing regarding .islam and .halal, and the ICANN Board's subsequent scorecard response accepting this specific piece of advice (located here on the GAC Register: <https://gacweb.icann.org/display/GACADV/2013-04-11-Religious+Terms>) I am writing to notify you about planning in order to hold a session in Durban with ICANN regarding this advice (as provided for in the Applicant Guidebook Section 3.1.2).

A session is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, 18 July, at 11:15 in the morning (once GAC sessions have concluded), the location is still to be determined.

UAE, and other GAC members that shared concerns with the applications for .islam and .halal, might want to

attend such a session in order to describe the scope of the concerns directly to members of the Board New gTLD Program Committee (NGPC). This would not be a meeting of the whole GAC with the NGPC.

As UAE has been the lead spokesperson on these issues in the GAC, could you confirm that there would be interest in such a session among GAC Members with concerns, and that provided that the organisational details can be worked out, available on Thursday, July 18, to participate in such a session?

Best regards,
Heather Dryden (Ms.)
GAC chair

Heather Dryden
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From: Chris Disspain [Redacted - Contact Information]
Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 6:15 PM
To: Jamie Hedlund
Subject: Fwd: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

45 minutes will be fine.

Cheers,

Chris

Begin forwarded message:

From: [Redacted - Contact Information]
Subject: FW: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban
Date: 4 July 2013 04:50:28 AEST
To: [Redacted - Contact Information]

Just noticed that this says 90 minutes! Might want to reduce that right down to say 45 mins...11:15 to 12:00 type of thing.

From: board-gtlds-bounces@icann.org [mailto:board-gtlds-bounces@icann.org] **On Behalf Of** Ray Plzak
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2013 3:25 PM
To: 'Megan Bishop'; board-gtlds@icann.org
Subject: Re: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

Thursday is generally a busy day for the Board.

Ray

From: board-gtlds-bounces@icann.org [mailto:board-gtlds-bounces@icann.org] **On Behalf Of** Megan Bishop
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 3:05 PM
To: board-gtlds@icann.org
Subject: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

Dear NGPC member,

There will be a meeting of the GAC with interested members of the NGPC to discuss the advice on .HALAL and .ISLAM on **Thursday, 18 July 2013** likely at 11am local time (most likely 90 minutes in duration).

Please indicate whether you are available to attend. Exact time and venue will be sent separately in a calendar invite.

Thank you,

From: Mike Silber </O=OICANN/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MIKE.SILBER_ICANNDEX>
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 3:05 AM
To: Chris Disspain; Ray Plzak
Cc: board-gtlds@icann.org Committee gTLD
Subject: Re: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

That's not what we said ...

From: Chris Disspain [Redacted - Contact Information]
Date: Tuesday, 2 July 2013 02:19
To: Ray Plzak [Redacted - Contact Information]
Cc: "board-gtlds@icann.org Committee gTLD" <board-gtlds@icann.org>
Subject: Re: [board-gtlds] GAC discussion - .halal and .islam - Durban

Ray,

See that attached, particularly point 3 of the scorecard. We are following the resolutions we passed.

Cheers,

Chris

On 02/07/2013, at 07:28 , Ray Plzak [Redacted - Contact Information] wrote:

Which begs the issue, is this the best approach for the board? I do not seem to recall that the NGPC has raised particular concerns regarding the GAC advice and these particular applications. In any event, is it not up to the board to decide if it needs to consult further rather than the applicant to initiate the consultation?

Ray