# GAC-ALAC meeting at ICANN 57, Hyderabad: Background note for ALAC

This background note has been prepared at the suggestion of the ALAC liaison to the GAC, in preparation for the GAC-ALAC meeting in Hyderabad. Corresponding information from the ALAC side has been made available to the GAC.

## 1. New gTLD Issues

1. The [GAC Helsinki Communiqué](https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Governmental+Advisory+Committee?preview=/27132037/43712811/20160630_GAC%20ICANN%2056%20Communique_FINAL%20%5B1%5D.pdf) advised the ICANN Board on the need for due process in development of future gTLD policies.
2. The GAC gave a [detailed response](https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=59645660) to the “overarching questions” put to the community by the PDP Working Group on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures
3. In Hyderabad the GAC will be discussing new gTLD issues on Saturday 5 November 1100 - 1230, and with the GNSO and possibly the Board.
4. GAC participation in Subsequent Procedures PDP WG: 5 members (Cambodia, India, Pakistan, Switzerland, ACIG); 6 observers (Argentina, Canada, China, Dominican Republic, Germany, United States).
5. GAC participation in PDP WG on Rights Protection Mechanisms: Switzerland, WIPO.
6. Relevant GAC work on future gTLD policies includes: Development of preventative mechanisms for protection of IGO identifiers; and ongoing work by GAC Working Groups on Geographic Names, Public Safety and Underserved Regions.

## 2. Diversity

1. GAC participation in CCWG-ACCT WS2 Sub-Group on Diversity: 6 participants (Argentina, Canada, Denmark, France, Niue, Switzerland. 9 observers (Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Colombia, Pakistan, UK, US, Venezuela, ACIG).
2. The GAC’s Guidelines for Participation in CCWGs provide that: *When appointing Members to a CCWG, the GAC will try to enhance the overall diversity in the CCWG with regard to gender, language, geographical origin, cultural and policy views. The GAC will also be mindful of the need for effective participation in the full range of work of the CCWG so that public policy aspects are properly considered*

## 3. CCT Review

1. There are two members of the CCT Review Team with GAC affiliations: Megan Richards (European Commission); and Laureen Kapen (US Federal Trade Commission, representing the GAC Chair).
2. The GAC has not adopted any positions on the substantive work of the review.
3. The GAC is receiving a briefing in Hyderabad from the Chair of the Review Team.

## 4. Implementation of new Bylaws

a) The GAC noted in its [Helsinki Communiqué](https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Governmental+Advisory+Committee?preview=/27132037/43712811/20160630_GAC%20ICANN%2056%20Communique_FINAL%20%5B1%5D.pdf) that: GAC members will work inter-sessionally to determine the conditions under which GAC will take part in the new empowered community mechanism as a decisional participant under the ICANN Bylaws.

b) The GAC has agreed that the GAC Chair will be the GAC’s representative in the Empowered Community Administration, pending further discussions in Hyderebad.

c) In Hyderabad the GAC will be reviewing possible action with regard to GAC advice to the Board; GAC appointments to external bodies; and GAC in the Empowered Community.

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