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# Participation to GAC

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# The GAC ...

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- Governmental Advisory Committee to ICANN:
  - Chairman (Latvia)
  - 3 Vice Chairs (Brazil, France, Senegal)
  - GAC secretariat (India)
  - Member countries (over 100)
  - Observers (around 10)
- Meets 3 times a year in conjunction with the ICANN meetings
- [gac.icann.org](http://gac.icann.org)



## Role ...

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- Provides advice to ICANN, as requested, on issues of public policy
- Raises issues of government concern, specially in matters where there may be interaction between ICANN policies and national laws or international agreements



## Challenges ...

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- Incorporating governments diverse views in its advice to ICANN, taking into consideration the different laws, policies and cultures of member countries
- Keeping pace with Internet dynamics and giving timely advice



## Topics ...

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- Public policy principles related to the implementation of new gTLDs
- Public policy principles related to the gTLD WHOIS service
- Guidance on matters related to the introduction of Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) in the root
- Principles for the delegation and management of IDN ccTLDs



## Topics ...

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- Recommendation on Government role in IPv4 exhaustion and IPv6 deployment
- Awareness on Internet security as an underlying feature in all priority issues
- Capacity building of government representatives on topics of relevance



## Topics ...

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- GAC working methods to improve GAC efficiency
  - Focus on priority issues
  - Adopt an annual/bi-annual work program reflecting GAC's priorities, outlining objectives, deliverables and defining delivery timelines
  - Increase Inter-sessional online work
  - Synchronize with ICANN strategic priorities and decision-making timelines



## Outreach ...

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- GAC is actively outreaching to new member countries to:
  - Increase global awareness about the GAC
  - Increase participation in important Internet management issues
  - Ensure advice to ICANN reflects the diversity of the international community



## Membership ...

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- National governments and governments of distinct economies (members)
- Inter-governmental organisations and treaty organisations (observers)
- Each member may appoint an accredited representative who may be accompanied by an adviser(s)
- [gacsec@gac.icann.org](mailto:gacsec@gac.icann.org)



## Why Participate ...

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On a country level, participation is important:

- To ensure that advice to ICANN reflects issues of public policy as they relate to your own government's concerns
- To ensure consideration of your country's laws, policies and culture in all GAC advices to ICANN
- To raise topics of priority to your country
- To learn about other views on topics of interest to your country
- To get introduced and exposed to topics of priority to other countries



## Why Participate ...

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On a regional level, participation:

- Introduces to the international agenda topics that may be un-tackled and are of interest to a certain region
- Gives more weight to topics of common interest in a certain region
- Establishes a needed channel with related activities taking place on a regional level



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Thank you