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GAC Meeting with the ALAC

Wednesday 15 June 2022 09:00-10:00

## **Agenda**

1. Introduction

Manal Ismail (GAC Chair) and Maureen Hilyard (ALAC Chair)

1. Universal Acceptance and IDNs

Satish Babu (ALAC) and Nigel Hickson (GAC)

1. GAC-ALAC/At-Large Cooperation at National Level Julf Helsingius (ALAC) and Shi Young Chang (GAC)

1. Geopolitical Issues and Advancing the MS Model Marita Moll (ALAC) and Jorge Cancio (GAC)

1. Session Summary

Joanna Kulesza (ALAC Liaison) and Shi Young Chang (GAC Point of Contact)



# 2. Universal Acceptance (UA) and IDNs Satish Babu (ALAC)

- UA is crucial to enabling consumer choice online and achieving digital inclusivity for the 4.5 billion end-users and another billion who would join shortly
- To be impactful, the implementation of UA and IDNs should be truly universal and secure, and should provide a consistent user interface and experience to end-users. The UASG, as well as the EPDP on IDNs are presently working on these aspects.
- GAC and ALAC should explore joint activities in UA and IDNs:
  - ICANN is a starting point for demonstrating UA readiness, not just the website but also for internal and external workflows and email
  - Provide coordinated messaging, including participating jointly in sessions at IGF and other global forums
  - Support activities of the UA Day that is expected to materialize by Feb 2023
  - Help disseminate UA/IDN-related information such as:
    - The results of the IDN Survey that ALAC is currently implementing
    - The three-part survey that UA-Tech WG is planning, that will reach out to Developers, Business Leaders and Governments

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# 2. Universal Acceptance (UA) and IDNs Nigel Hickson (GAC)

## EPDP on International Domain Names (IDNs):

- All about enhancing use of names with non Latin Scripts;
- Maximum opportunity for variants on names to be recognised
- Variants are defined as code points that are considered the "same" by a relevant script community
- Coordination between gTLDs and ccTLDs
- Ensuring measures in place ahead of gTLD launch
- EPDP a Cross Community exercise; enhanced through expertise from ICANN Org



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## 3. GAC-ALAC/At-Large Cooperation at National Level (Johan Helsingus)

- Cooperation at National Level Finland as an example
  - Background
    - Finland as a smallish, connected, technology-driven country
  - WSIS follow-up group
  - Finnish Internet Forum (FIF)



#### 4. GAC-ALAC/At-Large Cooperation at National Level Shi Young Chang (GAC)

- Sharing the Best Practices on GAC-At-Large Cooperation at National Level, including 1. Background Information and the reason why they have started the cooperation, 2. What it is and current progress on it, 3. any advantages/difficulties to carry on the work, 4. further considerations or suggestions for the better cooperation, etc.,
- Invite GAC members (e.g. Juuso Moisander, GAC representative of the Finland) to share their case on these and get comments from both ALAC and GAC members.



### 4. Geopolitical Issues and Advancing the MS Model Marita Moll (ALAC)

Role of governments and civil society volunteers: discuss recent issue of Internet Governance and the way to improve Multi-stakeholder participation mechanism.



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### 4. Geopolitical Issues and Advancing the MS Model Jorge Cancio (GAC)

- Exchange information on recent developments at the global level, including "Declaration of the Future of the Internet" and UN work, such as the Global Digital Compact and the WSIS+20 process;
- Role of ICANN in inputting to WSIS+20 Review process
- Invite ALAC and GAC members to share their views on these and other global developments



# **5. Session Summary**

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