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PANAMA – GAC: High Level Governmental Meeting Preparation  
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MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: So thank you everyone for taking your seats again. So this session we will be covering the high level governmental meeting updates. So if we can go straight ahead to the first slide please. So again very quickly the goals of the session are to provide background on the high level governmental meeting. But also update on logistical highlights sent by host country. And quick review of final agenda. And also review of next steps and what needs to be done.

So quick background on the high level governmental meeting. It takes place approximately once every two years. So one of the GAC members hosts a high level governmental meeting in conjunction with ICANN meeting. And of course, in addition to our normal GAC meetings as well.

This came out as recommendations by the first and second accountability and transparency review teams and previous meetings were held in Toronto during ICANN 45 in London during ICANN 50 and during (indiscernible) during ICANN 55.

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So first two reaffirm the critical role that governments play in providing advice to ICANN board. And also to enable all parties to gain clear understanding of government in ICANN process and in GAC of course. Discuss current public policy issues and challenges at senior level. And whether during bilateral or between the governments ICANN leadership as well.

It's also good opportunity to expose senior administrative officials and senior elected officials to ICANN allowing them to gain greater understanding of the organization and of the efforts and work of ICANN and GAC so they can spare their organization resources necessary. And finally reach out to administration and governments who are not yet members of the GAC so we normally also try to extend invitation to governments even if they are not current members of the GAC. So with this I will hand over to Jose to brief us on updates on host site

JOSE LUCEA:

Spanish representative for the record. And I am going give a bit of information about the logistics of this meeting. So as Manal said this meeting is running along with ICANN 63. ICANN 63 will start on Saturday 20th and end on 26th of October. This meeting will be held the 22 of October, Monday. It is same venue. The venue is Barcelona International Convention Centre. It's by the

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city and not really far from the historical neighborhood of Barcelona for those that know a bit about Barcelona.

The high level meeting is composed four different sessions and lunch between sessions. So there will be this lunch for ministers, head of delegation and for logistics limitations, two seats per delegation. We sent an invitation letter in May that was followed by email. Please for those of you who didn't receive the posted letter or the think the letter didn't reach the right minister or right person please contact us so we can hand it to the right person. We had last week, a change in government in Spain after motion in the parliament. And those that have contacted me or our support people to get any right post letter I had to tell you these two weeks, we have been in with some issues because of the change of government but we will deliver them soon.

By now there are 24 delegations that have confirmed their attendance and the people that are attending. And after this meeting we are planning to send reminder invitations. And later on we will request for a speaker of volunteers but that I will explain later. And finally there is targeted travel support by funding by ICANN. And supposed to be approximately 20 slots for funding.

Next please. Okay. So how did we come with the final version of the agenda by the way was delivered last Friday by

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(indiscernible) that is GAC Spanish representative. And so basically both in Abu Dhabi and San Juan meeting this agenda was discussed in GAC meeting. And after San Juan we asked for written input from all GAC members. And with all of this feedback we made the planning team until we come with this final agenda that we are going to show you.

So next slide please. Okay. So this is the format that there will be some introduction at the beginning. Both by our, I hope by that time it's still Spanish minister of economy, and we didn't change the ministry again. And also by the GAC chair and ICANN CEO and also will be the former host (indiscernible) and as I said there will be four sessions and lunch. And we will end the day by having some closing remarks.

Summary report of the topic that were discussed during the day. And just after closing remark there will be reception by ICANN for the delegation and GAC representatives. Also leaders of ICANN from other support organizations. And just for you to know this is ICANN reception but on Wednesday 24, there will be local host social event as well. So it's different thing.

And next slide please. And just come into the four different sessions. There will be chair or moderator that will introduce the session and also some topic experts. So after the introduction and those delegations are going to take the microphone and join

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the discussion they can ask for that privately to us and I will explain how that works later.

So this first session will be about the role and opportunities for governments in ICANN. So that means that if you have the government, have some views about how it's functioning, the current model of participation, of government and (indiscernible) within ICANN. To incorporate the public policy perspective. They can join this discussion or talk about the multi stakeholder model as a whole. Or for example, how the national laws or regulations can impact the domain name system. And second session it's the name is thematic challenges in IG ecosystem, cybercrime, data protection and privacy.

One of the discussion points could be the balance between the security versus privacy and freedom of expression. Or the role of DNS. And of course, we hope to have update on the GDPR implementation. The third session the name is internet technological evolution and the role of ICANN. How new technologies like block chain, 51G or internet of things can impact the domain name system. And how ICANN can insure this continuity of stable internet.

Capacity building efforts. And also the role of ccTLDs and finally the fourth session is global digital agenda and internet policy. The role of government developing a national agenda. The

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needs of emerging economies and relationship to digital agenda. And role of international domain names in offering better access to internet. And finally technical role of ICANN can help boost (indiscernible).

We are about to finalize already accessibility for the speaking opportunities. We will invite via email for all the delegation to apply, to request discussion slots in the different topic areas of interest. Each delegation will have something like 1 to 3 minutes for their topic. And tell us what your topic of interest we will give preferences for those delegations that haven't been allocated any slot. Adjust timing based on interest. Many more requests in one of the sessions we may lengthen that session and shorten a different one.

And finally in the last slide this is when we come to us for your support and your help to make this success. So as I said after we send update after the Panama we kindly ask you to reach your high officials and politicians too, both with this agenda and the speaking opportunities but that you make the case for attendance. You show them how it is important for them to come to the meeting.

Once you know about the attendance please get back to us telling if and who is going to attend. And finally as usually plan your logistics for attendance. If you need some funding please

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ask ICANN for the visa arrangements. Well that's all my slides if you have any questions feel free to ask and if not I hope to see or most of you in Barcelona. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you very much Jose. I would stress the very last slide and what is expected from GAC colleagues, I hope you can confirm receipt of invitation. Those who haven't yet sent an RSVP please do so, to help the host plan accordingly. And make sure to request speaking slots if so needed. So any questions or comments?

IRAN: Just confirmation from colleague from Spain usually the issuer of IDC or GAC is handled by different ministries in different countries and so forth. Sometime you sent to ministry of ICT or ministry of foreign affairs and so on and so forth. I suggest that if you have not done that also send it to Geneva based representatives. They know to which ministry or minister they should send the information. If you have not done that. If you have done that so far so good. When I received your invitation I sent to office of minister. This is something second you mentioned the report of the meeting. This will be no report of the meeting. There will be the Chairman report of the meeting. There is no such approval. In the previous three high level

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meetings, the Chairman of the meeting whoever it was prepared every report according to his or her understanding. So the title should not be report of the meeting it would be Chairman's reports of the meeting or events just for your information. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL, GAC CHAIR: Thank you. Any other comments before we conclude. So you all and back on time. We have five more minutes. We will break for lunch and please make sure to be back in the room after one hour, at 1:30 please. Thank you.

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