

Response from Indian Government on new GAC website page design for GAC Working Group pages

Q-1: It is not clear that where the Terms of Reference are intended to be displayed in this current design. Section on the page called “purpose and objectives” should really be named “terms of reference” (TOR, describe the purpose and structure of a project, committee, meeting, negotiation, or any similar collection of people who have agreed to work together to accomplish a shared goal)

Response: We may suggest under Section “purpose and objectives”; “terms of reference” document of relevant WG should be present.

Q-2: The first thing that a GAC WG does is attract members and create a mailing list – You will see in the middle of the page that the membership is clearly identified. However the mailing list link and name is not displayed. Nor are logged in (authenticated) users/members of the WG provided with access to the mailing list archives on the page. Are either of these issues a problem for you? Again, I’d like your explicit feedback and guidance please.

Response: Mailing list archive should be present in a way so that a new member can understand the issue under discussion easily.

New member in particular, keeping up with the email lists, particularly of a very active group, and finding out if a topic has been discussed is very difficult. Often, one has to go back two or three years of email lists. This takes quite a bit of time. When reading the email list after the fact, for any thread, you get lots of comments. It would be good to deconstruct the chains such that the comments were grouped by point within the topic.

Q-3: We need to keep the term “activities” as this is going to be common language across the entire ICANN ecosystem for discrete pieces of work, but I feel that “current and past activities” is a little lengthy and a little confusing. I wonder whether a basic “Working Group Activities” heading might be simpler. Again, your feedback please.

Response: Simpler heading is “Working Group Activities”.

Q-4: Drafting and evolution of documents is a key task for GAC Working Groups, question is to find out where to place “GAC Working Groups draft documents and draft advice”.

Response: GAC Technology Task Force (TTF) should provide an automatic versioning control mechanism of the document based upon which document will automatically move in the sections named

- “Draft documents”
- “final documents” or “endorsed by the GAC”

Depending upon the version of the document where later version of document will indicate more mature document.

4. Status of GAC activities

In the mail the ACIG has clearly mentioned that Each Work Plan activity will have a status. The IT team would like your feedback as to what those statuses might be.

- a) Not started,
- b) In progress,
- c) On hold
- d) Completed

Response: One more activity status may be added that is Cancelled (The activity has been cancelled)