

Development of a Delegation/Redelegation Joint Effort on FAQ for GAC Members

- **Background and Mandate of the GAC Underserved Regions WG**

Following the GAC AF Nairobi Capacity Building Workshop outcomes and correspondence to the GAC from Somalia concerning the issues with the delegation and redelegation of the .SO ccTLD, the GAC in its [ICANN 58 Copenhagen Communiqué](#), mandated the GAC Underserved Regions Working Group (USR WG) *“to act as the first point of contact for GAC Members experiencing ccTLD delegation and re-delegation issues”*.

- **Problem statement**

It appears that governments facing delegation/redelegation issues often do not understand the constraints imposed on their ccTLDs and their management; and do not know who to engage with in order to address their needs or challenges.

- **Proposed Approach and Expected Output**

Considering the need for clear and accessible information on delegation/redelegation issues, as highlighted in the problem statement above, the USR WG believes that developing a FAQ would address effectively, an important subject in ICANN/GAC documentation and support the USR WG in addressing requests from the GAC Membership.

To this end, the USR WG proposes this Joint Effort, drawing on relevant experience and expertise available within the GAC, the ccNSO and the ICANN Organisation, to draft such a FAQ in a relatively short timeframe.

Participants to the Joint Effort will decide the duration of this effort.

The participants to the Joint Effort are (as of 12 April 2017):

GAC

Alice Munyua and Pua Hunter, GAC USR WG Co-Chairs
Julia Charvolen, Support Staff
Fabien Betremieux, Support Staff

ccNSO

Katrina Sataki, ccNSO Chair
Bart Boswinkel, Support Staff
Joke Braeken, Support Staff
Kimberly Carlson, Support Staff

PTI (or IANA)

Naela Sarras

Kim Davies

ICANN Government Engagement (GE)

Anne-Rachel Inné

All members listed above have been added to the FAQ Team mailing list.

- **Proposed working method**

Contributions from participants to the Joint Effort are expected to mostly revolve around:

- Drafting and Reviewing FAQ Questions
- Drafting and Reviewing proposed answers to the FAQ Questions

Work will be conducted via relevant Google Document and coordinated through mailing list and regular conference calls. Substantive work will be driven by consensus.

- **Timeline**

A first draft needs to be:

- Reviewed by the GAC Underserved Regions Working Group prior to ICANN 59 and
- Endorsed by the GAC in plenary at ICANN 59.

The timeline below is subject to change. The dates are to guide the team until the ICANN 59 meeting.

- **12 April:** Draft FAQ document for editing by the FAQ Team
- **Week of 17 April:** First Conference call - Review of FAQ questions and assignments to develop answers
- **Week of 24 April-12 May::** Development of answers and additional questions as needed. Regular conference call for coordination/discussion purposes.
- **12-26 May:** Review of Draft FAQ by the GAC USR WG
- **Week of 26 May - 10 June:** discussion and incorporation of feedback from the GAC USR WG
- **10-17 June:** Review of Draft Framework by ICANN's Legal Department
- 17-26 June: Submission to the GAC for Endorsement
- 26-29 June: ICANN 59

- **Working Documents**

FAQ:

Meeting agenda and notes:

- **Resources**

Delegating or redelegating a country-code top-level domain (ccTLD) (IANA website):

<https://www.iana.org/help/cctld-delegation>

User Documentation on Delegating and Redelegating a Country-Code Top-Level Domain (ccTLD):

<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/drd-ui-09sep13-en.pdf>

Customer Portal User Guide created to help Applicants transition to delegation:

<https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/announcements-and-media/announcement-05sep13-en>