**COMMUNITY SESSION**

**The protection of Geographic Names in the New gTLDs process**

**Wednesday 11 February (10:30 – 11:30 hs)**

**Lead:**

GAC Working Group Protection of Geographic Names in new gTLDs

**Purpose of the session:**

The purpose of this session is to inform the GAC and the ICANN community about the comments received to the Background Document about Protection of Geographic names in the New gTLDs Process.

It will also allow time to understand different proposals presented in the comments, review the objections expressed, and exchange ideas about possible next steps.

Working group will use the valuable input of the comments received and the community comments during the session to produce a new version of the background document after the ICANN meeting in Singapore.

**Relevant information for the session:**

Link to latest version of the background document :

[The protection of geographic names in new gTLDs process - 29 august 2014.pdf](https://gacweb.icann.org/download/attachments/35455403/Geo%20names%20in%20new%20gTLDs%20Updated%20%20V3%20%2029%20august%202014%5B4%5D.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1411549504000&api=v2)

Translated versions of the background document:

 [AR](https://gacweb.icann.org/download/attachments/35455403/Geo%20names%20in%20new%20gTLDs%20Updated%20%20V3%20%2029%20august%202014-ar.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1415724347000&api=v2), [ES](https://gacweb.icann.org/download/attachments/35455403/Geo%20names%20in%20new%20gTLDs%20Updated%20%20V3%20%2029%20august%202014-es.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1415724394000&api=v2), [FR](https://gacweb.icann.org/download/attachments/35455403/Geo%20names%20in%20new%20gTLDs%20Updated%20%20V3%20%2029%20august%202014-fr.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1415724421000&api=v2), [PT](https://gacweb.icann.org/download/attachments/35455403/Geo%20names%20in%20new%20gTLDs%20Updated%20%20V3%20%2029%20august%202014-pt.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1415724433000&api=v2), [RU](https://gacweb.icann.org/download/attachments/35455403/Geo%20names%20in%20new%20gTLDs%20Updated%20%20V3%20%2029%20august%202014-ru.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1415724446000&api=v2), [ZH](https://gacweb.icann.org/download/attachments/35455403/Geo%20names%20in%20new%20gTLDs%20Updated%20%20V3%20%2029%20august%202014-ZH.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1415724462000&api=v2)

GAC website with relevant information for this session:

[https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Governmental+Advisory+Committee](https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Governmental%2BAdvisory%2BCommittee)

Link to GAC webspace with all the comments received:

[https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Community+Input+-+The+protection+of+Geographic+Names+in+the+New+gTLDs+process](https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/Community%2BInput%2B-%2BThe%2Bprotection%2Bof%2BGeographic%2BNames%2Bin%2Bthe%2BNew%2BgTLDs%2Bprocess)

Comments were recieved until Wednesday 31 December 2014.

Link to comment´s summary:

<http://goo.gl/LH4QZQ>

Agenda

**Welcome (10 minutes)**

Background and purpose for the session

Presentation of the comment’s summary

Olga Cavalli -GAC Working Group Protection of Geographic Names in new gTLDs

**Invited panellists (5 minutes each)**

**ALAC -** Rafid Fatani

**ccNSO** - Annabeth Lange - .NO

**Internet Business Council of Africa IBCA -** (remote participation)

**Brand Registry Group -** Philip Shepard

**GNSO**

**Comments from the audience (15 minutes)**

Questions and Answers

**Closing remarks (10 minutes)**