

ICANN | RSSAC

Root Server System Advisory Committee

4 July 2019

Subject: Input to Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System Public Comment Proceeding

The Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) welcomes the ICANN Public Comment proceeding on “Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System (RSS)”.

In light of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) stewardship transition, the RSSAC began to explore questions of accountability, governance, and sustainability of the RSS. After three years of work, the RSSAC published “RSSAC037: A Proposed Governance Model for the DNS Root Server System” (RSSAC037) and made three recommendations for the ICANN Board and community in “RSSAC038: RSSAC Advisory on a Proposed Governance Model for the Root Server System”.

The RSSAC appreciates the proactive role of the ICANN Board, specifically the ICANN Board Technical Committee, in support of RSSAC037 and in developing the “Concept Paper on a Community-Driven Process to Develop a Final Model Based on RSSAC037”. The RSSAC looks forward to working with the Root Server Operators and other RSS stakeholders to refine the RSSAC037 model and develop a final governance model for the RSS.

The RSSAC will support the proposed RSS Governance Working Group to help ensure it adheres to the draft charter and draft operating procedures, and that its work remains on track with the draft work plan.

The RSSAC remains committed to being a active partner of the Internet community, ICANN community, and ICANN Board as they review the proposal for evolving the governance of the RSS.

Best Regards

Fred Baker and Brad Verd

Co-Chairs, ICANN Root Server System Advisory Committee