

ICANN | RSSAC

Root Server System Advisory Committee

16 July 2019

Subject: Input to Process Proposal for Streamlining Organizational Reviews Public Comment Proceeding

In October 2018, the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) made five recommendations in “RSSAC041: RSSAC Advisory on Organizational Reviews”¹ (RSSAC041) for improving organizational reviews based on the experience of its second organizational review conducted from September 2017 to July 2018. RSSAC041 captures the comprehensive feedback from the RSSAC about organizational reviews, which should inform this proposed streamlining process of organizational reviews.

This Public Comment submission addresses the four questions from the Public Comment proceeding on the Process Proposal for Streamlining Organizational Reviews.

1. Do you/your organization agree with the proposed list of issues that should form the focus of the streamlining process? If not, with which do you disagree and what would you like to add?

The RSSAC broadly agrees with the proposed list of issues, which address recommendations one, two, and three from RSSAC041. However, the RSSAC encourages the ICANN organization to proactively manage the work of independent examiners conducting organizational reviews per recommendation four from RSSAC041. The RSSAC also encourages the ICANN organization to more thoroughly consider recommendation five from RSSAC041 to capture lessons learned after each organizational review.

2. Do you/your organization agree with the proposed underlying principles that should guide the solutions? If not, with which do you disagree and what would you like to add?

The RSSAC broadly agrees with the proposed underlying principles to guide the solutions for the streamlining process of organizational reviews. The RSSAC also encourages the ICANN organization to consider the principles of attribution, objectivity, professionalism,

¹ See RSSAC041: RSSAC Advisory on Organizational Reviews:
<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/rssac-041-05oct18-en.pdf>

and evidence from RSSAC041.

3. Do you/your organization agree with the community role in the streamlining process? If not, what would you propose?

The RSSAC agrees that the role of the community in the streamlining process of organizational reviews is “to provide substantial input and agree on possible solutions for the issues that require improvements.”

4. Do you/your organization agree with the proposed high-level timeline? If not, what would you propose?

The RSSAC agrees with the proposed high-level timeline and that the “next round of [organizational] reviews should not start until this streamlining process is complete.”

The RSSAC appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Public Comment proceeding on the Process Proposal for Streamlining Organizational Reviews and look forward to next steps.

Best Regards

Fred Baker and Brad Verd

Co-Chairs, ICANN Root Server System Advisory Committee