

Root Zone Evolution Review Committee (RZERC) Charter

I. Purpose

The Committee is expected to review and provide input regarding proposed architectural and operational changes to the root zone and as determined necessary by the Committee, propose architectural and operational changes to the root zone for consideration by the ICANN Board.

If needed, the Committee is expected to act as a consultation body for ICANN during any RFP process that might be initiated for the Root Zone Maintainer.

II. Scope of Responsibilities

The Committee will consider issues raised to the Committee to identify any potential security, stability or resiliency risks to the architecture and operation of the root zone.

The Committee will coordinate with the committee's respective organizations and communities, and if appropriate, external experts, to ensure that relevant bodies were involved in decision-making and ensure that relevant expertise was available.

For operational and architectural changes that impose potential risk to the security, stability, or resiliency of the root system (as identified by one or more committee members and agreed by a simple majority of members), the Committee will coordinate a public consultation process via the ICANN public comment forum regarding the proposed changes, including the identified risks.

The Committee will act as a consultation body for ICANN during the issuance and consideration of an RFP for the Root Zone Maintainer, if needed.

The Committee will coordinate with the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) as needed.

III. Composition

The Committee shall have 9 committee members as follows:

- One ICANN Board member
- One senior IANA Function Operator administrator or their delegate
- Chair of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee, or Chair's delegate

- Chair of the Root Server System Advisory Committee, or Chair's delegate
- Chair of the Address Supporting Organization, or Chair's delegate
- Chair of the Internet Engineering Task Force, or Chair's delegate
- Representative selected by the Registries Stakeholder Group of the Generic Names Supporting Organization
- Representative selected by the Country Code Names Supporting Organization
- Representative of the organization identified to serve as the Root Zone Maintainer

The committee will select its chair. Appointment of members shall follow each organization/group's internal process.

IV. Meetings

The Committee will meet as frequently as necessary, with at least one meeting per calendar year. Regular meetings may be called upon no less than fourteen (14) days notice by either (i) the Chair or (ii) any two members of the Committee acting together. Meetings to address urgent issues may be called in a manner calculated to provide as much notice as possible to the members of the Committee.

Meetings may take place with remote participation (using appropriate technology) or in-person. Email discussions do not constitute meetings.

V. Decisions

Decisions and actions of the Committee shall be taken by consensus. Such consensus shall be documented and may be determined via Internet-based discussions without the need for a meeting.

VI. Records of Proceedings

The Committee shall operate openly and transparently. Committee meetings shall be recorded wherever possible. Any minutes or other records of the meetings shall be publicly posted as soon as possible following approval by the committee.

In the event that making certain deliberations public would create a risk to the security or stability of the DNS, the Committee shall specifically identify that as a reason for withholding parts of their meeting records.

VII. Conflicts of Interest

Committee members must provide statements of interest that identify potential conflicts of interest in their committee service.

VIII. Review

The Charter of the Committee shall be reviewed at least every 5 years, and a review may be initiated more frequently if determined necessary. All reviews of the Charter shall be subject to ICANN public comment processes.