## SSR2 Review Team Re-Starts, On-Boards New Members, Updates Terms of Reference

**4 September 2018**

The ICANN Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the Domain Name System Review Team (SSR2) reconvened after being paused since October 2017 and held an in-person meeting 22-24 August. The Review Team has on-boarded new members, selected leadership, reviewed work to date, and updated its scope/terms of reference. We also are refreshing our workplan and outreach plan and moving forward with our substantive work.

The Review Team welcomes input on all of its activities via email to

[input-to-ssr2rt@icann.org](mailto:input-to-ssr2rt@icann.org)

(a publicly archived list). In particular, as the Review Team continues its fact-finding phase and develops initial findings and recommendations, we encourage community input on our work. We plan to meet at the ICANN 63 meeting in Barcelona in October, and we look forward to discussions with community members there.

**Our August Meeting Objectives**

The primary objectives of the meeting were to onboard new members who have joined since the “pause,” select Review Team leadership, agree on means of working together productively to reach consensus, and agree on a scope of work/terms of reference for the review. (A complete list of meeting objectives can be viewed [here](https://community.icann.org/display/SSR/SSR2+Meeting+%2340+-+22-24+August+2018+-+Face-to-Face+Meeting+in+Washington+DC?preview=/71603683/90773717/Draft%20objectives%20for%20DC%20F2F.docx), and a record of the meeting can be found [here](https://community.icann.org/x/45VEB)). The Review Team believes that it has successfully met all of these objectives and looks forward to tackling the work ahead and engaging with the ICANN community.

The meeting was facilitated by Phil Khoury, [Cameron. Ralph. Khoury Consulting Services](http://crkhoury.com.au/) and supported by ICANN Staff. The Review Team thanks them all for their contributions to a productive meeting.

### **Our New Members and Leadership**

Five new volunteers were appointed to the Review Team during the “pause”—Kimberly (KC) Claffy, Russ Housley, Scott McCormick, Rao Naveed bin Rais and Laurin Weissinger. That brings the Review Team membership to 15 (the full team membership list can be found [here](https://community.icann.org/x/7prRAw)). All were in attendance at our August meeting held in Washington, D.C. (13 attended the meeting in-person, 2 attended remotely). The new members were successfully brought up to speed on the work of the Review Team to date.

The Review Team decided on the following leadership structure: Chair – Russ Housley, and Vice Chairs - Denise Michel, Eric Osterweil, Laurin Weissinger.

### **Our Work**

The Review Team approved an updated scope/terms of reference, reviewed work to date, and is working on an updated workplan and communications/outreach plan. These all will be publicly posted on the Review Team’s [wiki](https://community.icann.org/display/SSR/SSR2+Review), as well as sent to the ICANN Board and Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees.

Our scope/terms of reference describe the focus of the Review Team’s work, which is guided by ICANN’s Bylaws, and includes a timeline of the review milestones, leadership and membership responsibilities, how we make decisions and conduct our work, and other guidelines. The review team intends to continue regular outreach and communications to keep the ICANN community apprised of progress towards milestones.

**How can people get involved in the SSR2 Review?**

Visit the Review Team’s [wiki](https://community.icann.org/display/SSR/SSR2+Review) for the latest news, updates, and opportunities to participate, including how to become a Review Team observer, share your expertise on SSR2 issues, and subscribe to the SSR2 mailing list for calendar invites, agendas, and "read only" access to mailing list exchanges.

The Review Team will continue to reach out to the community at every key step, and we will soon provide more details in our updated outreach/communication plan. Here’s our current timeline:

* By ICANN63: Workplan, Communications Plan, gathering & assessing facts
* ICANN63 (Barcelona): F2F meeting, engagement with community
* By ICANN64: Gathering & assessing facts, creation of draft report
* ICANN64 (Kobe): F2F meeting, presentation of draft report and engagement with community
* By ICANN65: Public comment period (40 days), comment resolution
* ICANN65 (Marrakesh): Presentation of final report, engagement with community and final delivery of it to board

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To: SO/AC Chairs

From: Russ Housley, Chair, SSR2 Review Team

Cc: Chair, Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee; Phil Khoury, facilitator; SSR2 Review Team

Attachment: SSR2 Blog; Updated Scope/Terms of Reference

On behalf of the ICANN Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the Domain Name System (SSR2) Review Team, I am pleased to inform you that the Review Team has worked with the appointed facilitator to successfully address the work outlined in your [13 March 2018 note](https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/soac-to-koubaa-13mar18-en.pdf):

*a) on-boarding new members who have joined since the "pause" and agreeing on leadership from the current membership;*

*b) helping the group to work through concerns around membership and scope as identified in a confidential survey conducted by the SO/AC Chairs shortly after the pause; and*

*c) helping the RT to identify ways to reach consensus.*

On 5 June 2018, we were notified that ICANN had engaged an external professional, Phil Khoury, to “facilitate the transition process and help the SSR2 Review Team in restarting and moving forward with its work.” The Review Team worked with Phil in relaunching our activities and planning an in-person meeting.

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The Review Team unanimously agreed on leadership (in addition to me serving as Chair, we have Vice Chairs - Denise Michel, Eric Osterweil, Laurin Weissinger), and unanimously approved an updated scope/terms of reference, which is attached and will be publicly posted on our wiki. We welcome your input on this and other SSR2 efforts.

The Review Team is looking forward to efficiently progressing its work. We plan to next meet at ICANN63 in Barcelona. Given the past delays, we feel it’s imperative that the Review Team meet at ICANN63 to advance our work and engage with community members. We would greatly appreciate your help in ensuring that a room is reserved ASAP for our 15-member meeting sessions on 21 and 24 October. To hold time on Review Team members’ schedules and to save ICANN funds, we need to promptly lock-in this meeting and arrange travel.

Thank you for your support for the Review Team’s important, bylaw-mandated work. Please don’t hesitate to contact me and the Review Team if you need additional information or wish to share your thoughts.