

## Root Server System Governance Working Group

Teleconference #44 | 19 May 2022 | 22:00 UTC

### ATTENDANCE

#### **RSS GWG**

Fred Baker	RSOs
Kim Davies	Liaison from the IANA
Hiro Hotta	RSOs
Geoff Huston	IAB
Peter Koch	ccTLD Registries
Kurt Pritz	gTLD Registries
Ashwin Rangan	RSOs
Ken Renard	RSOs
Karl Reuss	RSOs
Barbara Schleckser	RSOs
Tripti Sinha	Liaison from the ICANN Board
Ryan Stephenson	RSOs
Brad Verd	RSOs
Duane Wessels	Liaison from the RZM
Suzanne Woolf	SSAC
Hanyu Yang	gTLD Registries

#### **Excused**

Wes Hardaker	RSOs
Jim Reid	IAB
Paul Vixie	RSOs

#### **Absent**

Lars-Johan Liman	RSOs
Akinori Maemura	Alternate Liaison from the ICANN Board
Kaveh Ranjbar	RSOs

#### **Observers**

Robert Carolina	RSOs
Andrew Kimble	RSOs
Jeff Osborn	RSOs

Erum Welling

RSOs

**ICANN org**

Samantha Eisner

Paul Hoffman

Wendy Profit

Carlos Reyes

MINUTES

**Call to Order**

Brad Verd called the teleconference to order at 22:04 UTC and reviewed the proposed agenda. There were no objections to the agenda.

**Review Draft Minutes of Teleconference 43**

Carlos Reyes reviewed the draft minutes for teleconference 43 on 5 May 2022. There were no objections to publishing the draft minutes.

ACTION ITEM: Carlos Reyes to publish the approved minutes on the workspace.

**Engagement and Discussion of RSSAC058**

Brad Verd introduced Robert Carolina. Robert Carolina reviewed the functional clear statement criteria. Ashwin Rangan asked about the scope of decision-making as it relates to root server system (RSS) governance. Robert Carolina suggested that RSSAC037 outlines a primary list of types of decisions, and the GWG could identify other types of decisions in its discussions. Peter Koch asked if the GWG is expected to identify an exhaustive list of issues and questions. Robert Carolina encouraged the GWG to consider the types of decisions.

Robert Carolina noted that the functional clear statement criteria require identifying the stakeholders that need to approve a decision and the necessary level of approval. This includes decisions that apply only to the root server operators (RSOs). Robert Carolina noted that any governance proposal needs to map its decisions to the functional clear statement criteria. Fred Baker urged a distinction between RSO operational decisions and RSS process decisions. Robert Carolina noted that some criteria consider RSO independence and other criteria consider collective RSO action. There are also important questions about the future of RSSAC as it relates to RSS governance.

Finally, the functional clear statement criteria also require a description of how the RSOs will be incorporated into the ICANN Empowered Community. Fred Baker asked if the RSOs will incorporate as individuals or as a collective. Samantha Eisner noted that the members of the ICANN Empowered Community decide how they participate. One of the purposes of the ICANN Empowered Community is to establish a method for collective action. Incorporating the RSOs into the ICANN Empowered Community will require significant work, including amending the ICANN Bylaws. Samantha Eisner noted that the outcomes of the GWG that require amending the ICANN Bylaws will not just be about the ICANN Empowered Community. Ultimately, these changes will require the consent of the ICANN Empowered Community, too.

Peter Koch asked if “RSOs” and “RSO community” are synonymous. Robert Carolina noted that the text is intended to be flexible. There is ambiguity in the success criteria. Suzanne Woolf asked about stakeholder input as part of GWG work. Samantha Eisner noted that the GWG will have to consider all input from the Public Comment process. Robert Carolina agreed and noted that the functional clear statement criteria do not intend to limit the definition of stakeholders.

### **Any Other Business**

There were no additional agenda items. The next teleconference will be Thursday, 2 June 2022 at 22:00 UTC.

### **Adjournment**

Brad Verd adjourned the teleconference at 22:59 UTC.