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
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.