**Root Server System Governance Working Group**
Teleconference 63 | Thursday, 7 September 2023 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

**RSS GWG**
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| Kim Davies | Liaison from the IANA |
| Luis Diego Espinoza | ccTLD registries |
| Hans Petter Holen | RSOs |
| Geoff Huston | IAB |
| Lars-Johan Liman | RSOs |
| Peter Koch | ccTLD registries |
| Kurt Pritz | gTLD registries |
| Ken Renard | RSOs |
| Jim Reid | IAB |
| Karl Reuss | RSOs |
| Brad Verd | RSOs |
| Duane Wessels | Liaison from the RZM |
| Suzanne Woolf | SSAC |

**Excused**
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| Edmon Chung | Liaison from the ICANN Board (Alternate) |
| Wes Hardaker | RSOs |
| Hiro Hotta | RSOs |
| Christian Kaufmann | Liaison from the ICANN Board |
| Ashwin Rangan | RSOs |

**Absent**
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| John Augenstein | RSOs |
| Jeff Osborn | RSOs |
| Barbara Schleckser | RSOs |
| Paul Vixie | RSOs |
| Hanyu Yang | gTLD registries |

**Observers**
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| Robert Carolina | RSOs |
| David Conrad | RSOs |

**ICANN staff support**
Carlos Reyes

MINUTES

**Call to Order**
Brad Verd called the teleconference to order at 22:03 UTC and reviewed the proposed agenda. There were no objections to the agenda.

**Administration**
Carlos Reyes reviewed the draft minutes of teleconference 62. There were no objections to publishing the draft minutes.

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

**Separation and Balance of Powers**
Brad Verd reviewed candidate principle 1.110 about direct participation of RSOs in the RSS GS. Robert Carolina reviewed the proposed clarifying text about how RSS GS procedures must enable RSO participation if an RSO chooses to participate. Robert Carolina noted that Jeff Osborn is in alignment with this clarifying text.

Brad Verd reviewed candidate principle 1.210 about the survivability of the RSS GS, which received unanimous support. There was no further discussion.

Brad Verd noted that candidate principle 1.220 about identifying stakeholder communities for participation in the RSS GS still requires further discussion. Robert Carolina stressed that this topic will take several teleconferences and will likely be a main topic for the work sessions during ICANN78. The topic has evolved from the financial context to a broader participation context. RSSAC037 defines stakeholders of the RSS. This discussion could identify the common principles for identifying stakeholders of the RSS.

Lars-Johan Liman asked why this topic is being revisited and what is missing from the definition in RSSAC037. Robert Carolina noted that DNS recursive resolvers are not captured as stakeholders. The principles will be used to identify stakeholder communities, and the stakeholder communities will identify participants. Kurt Pritz stated that the composition of the GWG is a starting point. Suzanne Woolf stated that a possible criterion could be stakeholders who have a direct operational dependency on the RSS–for example, registry operators with delegations in the root zone.

Lars-Johan Liman thanked Kurt Pritz and noted that the RSSAC037 discussion concluded that the ICANN community contained all the relevant stakeholders. If an organization of DNS recursive resolvers emerged within ICANN, then it could be a stakeholder of the RSS GS. Lars-Johan Liman noted that identifying stakeholders outside of ICANN would be interesting. Geoff Huston expressed support for engagement and participation in the ICANN community as a filter. Peter Koch noted that some stakeholder groups within ICANN have specific remit that may not relate to the RSS. Jim Reid proposed defining stakeholders as identified by the ICANN Board because the RSS GS should not be in a position to decide that.

Brad Verd reviewed the discussions that led to RSSAC037. The RSSAC determined that the ICANN community was the best representation of relevant stakeholders. Lars-Johan Liman elaborated that ICANN should populate the RSS GS from among its stakeholder groups. Furthermore, as ICANN evolves, then the stakeholders would evolve. Robert Carolina stated that the ICANN-dependent theories pre-suppose that the RSS GS will be part of ICANN. Jim Reid cautioned that not all ICANN community groups need to have representation in the RSS

GS. Lars-Johan Liman envisions the composition of the RSS GS to be populated by ICANN. Brad Verd explained that this topic will require more discussion.

Suzanne Woolf stated that the RSS GS will have to balance setting priorities and resolving competing priorities. Asking what types of decisions the RSS GS will have to make may help. Brad Verd recalled that RSSAC037 identified RSOs as a stakeholder group. Geoff Huston noted the previous thinking of the GWG about modeling the RSS GS on Public Technical Identifiers. Therefore, changing interests in ICANN would directly affect the RSS GS.

**Any Other Business**
Brad Verd reviewed the calendar of teleconferences and the plans for work sessions during ICANN78.

**Adjournment**
Brad Verd adjourned the teleconference at 22:50 UTC.