Root Server System Governance Working Group
Teleconference 73 | Thursday, 27 June 2024 | 22:00 UTC

ATTENDANCE

RSS GWG
Edmon Chung	Liaison from the ICANN Board (Alternate)
Luis Diego Espinoza	ccTLD registries
Hiro Hotta	RSOs
Geoff Huston	IAB
Lars-Johan Liman	RSOs
Jeff Osborn	RSOs
Ken Renard	RSOs
Brad Verd	RSOs
Duane Wessels	Liaison from the RZM
Suzanne Woolf	SSAC

Excused
Kim Davies	Liaison from the IANA
Wes Hardaker	RSOs
Christian Kaufmann	Liaison from the ICANN Board
Peter Koch	ccTLD registries
Ashwin Rangan	RSOs
Karl Reuss	RSOs

Absent
John Augenstein	RSOs
Hans Petter Holen	RSOs
Kurt Pritz	gTLD registries
Jim Reid	IAB
Barbara Schleckser	RSOs
Paul Vixie	RSOs
Hanyu Yang	gTLD registries

Observers
Robert Carolina	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
The RSS GWG reviewed the draft minutes of teleconference 71 and teleconference 72. There were no objections to publishing the draft minutes.

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

What are the stages to achieve a turnkey model?
Brad Verd reviewed the progress from ICANN80 noting that the RSS GWG defined the current state of RSS governance and broadly agreed to what the RSS GS turnkey model should look like. Current discussions focus on what stages are needed to achieve the turnkey model. This will inform what the RSS GWG needs to deliver in its recommendations. Peter Koch asked if the transition from one stage to another stage is subject to the completion of each activity. Brad Verd stated that each stage would have acceptance criteria, yes.

The RSS GWG discussed functions and powers for the RSS GS Council at various stages. For example, Robert Carolina proposed that the RSS GS Council may have the power to engage secretariat functions in the bootstrapping stage, but it may not have the power to compel financial support until the turnkey stage. Peter Koch agreed. Kurt Pritz suggested that funding is necessary to hire a secretariat, and Wes Hardaker agreed. Robert Carolina stated that the RSS GS Council should approve the selection of the secretariat. Erum Welling observed that the RSS GS Council has a lot of powers in the bootstrapping stage; it may need some time to understand its charter, operations, and relationships.

After the RSS GWG delivers its recommendations and following the establishment of the RSS GS, the RSS GS would evolve itself to achieve turnkey status. Wes Hardaker and Brad Verd stated that the RSS GS Council should have the power to evolve itself from the beginning. Robert Carolina observed that the Participant Stakeholder Communities need to have a role in approving changes to its structure. Brad Verd suggested this may be a new principle, but Robert Carolina noted that it could be an interpretation note to principle 1.80.

Kurt Pritz suggested that identifying what parties need to be involved in changes to the RSS GS may be a deliverable for the RSS GWG. Robert Carolina noted that the RSS GWG deliverable has to strike a balance. Samantha Eisner emphasized that a change to the structure of the RSS GS is different than a change to the RSS GS as a result of its evolution from the bootstrapping stage to the turnkey stage. Wes Hardaker stated that the RSS GS must have a sound starting framework, and the RSS GS may then consider the overall checks and balances.

Any Other Business
There were no additional agenda items.

Adjournment
Brad Verd adjourned the teleconference at 22:59 UTC.