

## **Root Server System Governance Working Group**

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### **Overview**

Since January 2021, the RSS GWG has focused its discussions on the New Organization (NewOrg) proposal. The RSS GWG merged the Public Root Services (PRS); Strategy, Architecture, and Policy Function (SAPF); and rationale for Root Server Operator (RSO) funding papers into a single NewOrg draft document.

### **Cost of Funding the Root Server System**

The RSS GWG agreed that there is no common understanding of how much it costs to operate global root service. Therefore, the RSS GWG worked with the Root Server System Advisory Committee to identify an intermediary for requesting an estimate from each RSO about the scale of likely aggregate funding for the Root Server System (RSS). The exercise intends to assure the Internet community that the RSS GWG is designing NewOrg to the appropriate scale of expenditure. Engaging an intermediary to understand confidential and sensitive financial data about RSO business operations will help the RSS GWG understand the extent of funding needed for the RSS. The exercise will also provide an understanding of the degree to which the business models of the RSOs are keeping pace with the function of the RSOs.

### **Designation and Removal Function**

The NewOrg proposal for RSO review panels to perform the Designation and Removal Function (DRF) aligns with RSSAC037.

### **Next Steps**

The RSS GWG will continue to review the NewOrg proposal, including the structure, composition, and relationships of the PRS, SAPF, and DRF, and potential timelines for proposed processes.