

## RZERC Charter Review Teleconference #1

Tuesday, 15 March 2022 | 19:00-20:00 UTC

### Attendance

Members: Tim April, Duane Wessels, Peter Koch, Geoff Huston, Daniel Migault, Kim Davies, Howard Eland

Apologies: Kaveh Ranjbar

Staff: Danielle Rutherford, Steve Sheng

### Agenda

1. Agenda Review
2. Administration
  - a. Regular meeting time for RZERC Charter Review
3. Discussion Items
  - a. RZERC Charter Review [Work Plan](#)
  - b. Topic Scoping Review Exercise Results
4. AOB

### Decisions

- The RZERC will meet every other Tuesday, from 20:00 - 21:00 UTC, starting 5 April 2022 for the RZERC Charter Review

### Resources

- RZERC Charter Review [Work Plan](#)
- [Consensus Definition Across ICANN](#)

### Records

- Zoom replay and auto transcript:  
[https://icann.zoom.us/rec/play/RGGdUb8dSRD5Cj1f-D-JLNfn7iptXXx2qckNS7pxrvd1Mlp3CX9dkZpbY-u6KLV4JCVLm0EG\\_LCuU0XM.I4cWkBpqR3UoT3x](https://icann.zoom.us/rec/play/RGGdUb8dSRD5Cj1f-D-JLNfn7iptXXx2qckNS7pxrvd1Mlp3CX9dkZpbY-u6KLV4JCVLm0EG_LCuU0XM.I4cWkBpqR3UoT3x)
- Auto recording only:  
[https://icann.zoom.us/rec/play/RGGdUb8dSRD5Cj1f-D-JLNfn7iptXXx2qckNS7pxrvd1Mlp3CX9dkZpbY-u6KLV4JCVLm0EG\\_LCuU0XM.I4cWkBpqR3UoT3x](https://icann.zoom.us/rec/play/RGGdUb8dSRD5Cj1f-D-JLNfn7iptXXx2qckNS7pxrvd1Mlp3CX9dkZpbY-u6KLV4JCVLm0EG_LCuU0XM.I4cWkBpqR3UoT3x)
- Transcript:  
<https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/202704253/RZERC-Charter-Review-15mar22-en.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1656379057000&api=v2>

## Readout

### Regular meeting time for RZERC Charter Review

Danielle Rutherford reviewed the popular results of the doodle poll for a regular meeting time for the RZERC Charter Review. Tim April suggested every other Tuesday, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC, starting April 5 worked well for him. Duane Wessels agreed. No one else commented.

### RZERC Charter Review Work Plan

Danielle Rutherford walked through the proposed RZERC Charter Review [Work Plan](#). Duane Wessels asked if the feedback sessions with the appointing organizations would happen concurrently with the Public Comment and public feedback session at ICANN75. Danielle Rutherford clarified that the feedback sessions would take place before putting an initial report out for Public Comment.

Peter Koch asked about considering, whether during the charter review or in a different setting, the public perception of RZERC. Peter Koch observed that outside a small group, very few people realize that RZERC exists and what purpose RZERC serves. Duane Wessels stated his support for this idea and added that among the ICANN community, impressions vary on what the RZERC's role is. Danielle Rutherford suggested this could be included in the scope of the charter review under the question "does the Charter enable the RZERC to fulfill its role and responsibilities as envisioned?" Peter Koch agreed.

Daniel Migault stated that he wanted the charter review is to clarify the scope of RZERC and the position of RZERC in relation to ICANN Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs). Danielle Rutherford suggested this could be included in the scope of the charter review under the question "are there any aspects of the Charter that are ambiguous that require amendment?" Daniel Migault agreed.

### Topic Scoping Review Exercise Results

Tim April led a discussion on the topic scoping exercise results first shared in the RZERC's 19 October 2021 meeting.

***Design a distribution between RZM and RSO:*** Geoff Huston stated that he believes this topic is in scope for the RZERC to consider as it does not appear to belong to another entity. The architecture of the system falls under the RZERC's purview. Tim April agreed with Geoff Huston. Daniel Migault stated he believes the RZERC's scope ends with the RZM and that this topic would belong to the RSSAC. Duane Wessels agreed with Daniel Migault that the RZERC's scope of influence stops at the RZM.

Duane Wessels added that he considered the genesis of RZERC was the fact that the Department of Commerce exited its role, and this wasn't a topic that the Department of Commerce would have had particularly strong opinions about. Geoff Huston responded that his read of Section 2 of the RZERC Charter, Scope of Responsibilities, at face value would indicate the mechanisms for distribution are clearly within the scope of the RZERC. Peter Koch and Tim April agreed with Geoff Huston's interpretation.

Daniel Migault asked if RSSAC's scope does not extend to cover other means to distribute the root zone, and if it's determined that is also outside of RZERC's scope, does that mean there should be another entity that ensures that the addition of the root zone file is properly distributed among one or multiple systems. Tim April responded that he had checked RSSAC's charter and it does not discuss distribution. Kim Davies added that it would not be IANA's role. Geoff Huston reaffirmed his position that this topic is within the scope of RZERC's charter.

Tim April suggested that perhaps in the deliberations of the topic scoping exercise there are some topics that the RZERC designates as in scope until a more appropriate authority is determined. Geoff Huston and Daniel Migault agreed with this proposal. Peter Koch added that there is a difference between SSAC/RSSAC and the RZERC. SSAC and RSSAC's roles are to work on more technical details, while the RZERC is supposed to make sure that all the relevant stakeholders have been heard or have contributed.

**How many RSOs:** Geoff Huston stated that he thought this topic was within the scope of RZERC. His understanding of this topic is conflated with how the operation of the root zone evolves and howroot service distribution evolves into multiple methods. Duane Wessels stated his understanding was the exact opposite of Geoff Huston's and that the question was about how many letter root server identifiers should there be, and therefore is outside of RZERC's scope. Duane Wessels added that this topic would likely belong to a new governance function being developed by the RSS GWG. Tim April and Daniel Migault agreed with Duane Wessels.

Geoff Huston stated that there's several topics interrelated with this topic. For instance, understanding the scaling properties and long term implications of local root is an evolutionary issue that could change the architecture of the content of the root zone. Peter Koch agreed with Geoff Huston. Geoff Huston further clarified he does not believe the RZERC should devise any changes to the root zone, but that the RZERC's role was to look at the work of others in the context of the root zone and review proposed architectural changes.