

Statement of Interest to join RSSAC Caucus

Name

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Affiliation and current position

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Relevant qualifications

PhD (Networks & Distributed Systems), INRIA, France (2011) – Specialization in Internet Naming and Addressing, Security, and Communication Architectures

Motivation for membership in the Caucus

I am motivated to join RSSAC caucus in order to contribute towards producing RSSAC documents and other related stuff. Moreover, I want to have a representation of my country (and region) at RSSAC which is currently very much under-represented. I belong to a country of 200 Million citizens, and we already have 4 root server instances running in the country (two L-Servers in Lahore and Islamabad, and one F-Server and one I-Server in Karachi, and there is a strong need of contributing in the processes of ICANN from the region, while representing and understanding the local issues as well.

Indication of availability

Coming from academia, I have more luxury to manage my time depending on the tasks at hand. My employer is quite open in letting me go out to attend meetings in person and it is counted as an “official assignment” in accordance with the university policy. Hence, I don’t have any problem in attending the meetings either in person or online. I can pledge to spend at least 10-15 hours per month on the work of RSSAC and the time commitment may be increased depending upon the requirement and urgency of matter at hand.

Formal roles and interests in the work of RSSAC

I am a security expert belonging to academia, but have industrial R&D experience behind me as well. Moreover, I have been working with SSR team of ICANN for more than a year, and also serving as a volunteer trainer for DNS Operations and Security on behalf of ICANN and NSRC for the Middle East region. Moreover, I am an ICANN fellow and coach (mentor) and have already got ICANN fellowship 4 times out of last 5 ICANN meetings. Moreover, I am also serving at the IDN ccTLD of Pakistan as security specialist for DNSSEC and am helping them setting up the ccTLD operations which is currently in the Delegation phase.

I am quite interested in the work operations of RSSAC and motivated to contribute to the best of my potential.