RSSAC2 Organizational Review

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The role of the Root Server System Advisory Committee (“RSSAC”) is to advise the ICANN community and Board on matters relating to the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the Internet’s Root Server System. For more information on the RSSAC, click here.

Per ICANN’s Bylaws (Section 4.4), the goal of the review is to be undertaken “pursuant to such criteria and standards as the Board shall direct, shall be to determine (i) whether that organization, council or committee has a continuing purpose in the ICANN structure, (ii) if so, whether any change in structure or operations is desirable to improve its effectiveness and (iii) whether that organization, council or committee is accountable to its constituencies, stakeholder groups, organizations and other stakeholders.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Learn more about the Independent Examiner Team conducting the RSSAC Review

REVIEW STATUS

NEWS AND UPDATES

Six-monthly written implementation reports

The RSSAC2 Review Implementation Work Party has commenced implementation, and has submitted its first and second six-monthly implementation progress reports, an to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee of the ICANN Board (OEC). More details here.

Acceptance of the Second Organizational Review of the Root Server System Advisory Committee(RSSAC2) Detailed Implementation Plan

12 March 2020 - The ICANN Board accepted the RSSAC2 Review Detailed Implementation Plan, including the implementation approach contained within; and directed the RSSAC2 Review Implementation Work Party to continue implementation in accordance with the RSSAC2 Review Detailed Implementation Plan, and to provide updates to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee of the ICANN Board (OEC) through written implementation reports on progress every six months. Full Board resolution here.

Acceptance of the Second Organizational Review of the RSSAC – Final Report and Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan

3 May 2019 - the ICANN Board accepted the final report from the independent examiner, and the Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan. The ICANN Board also directed the RSSAC to convene an RSSAC review implementation working group that drafts a detailed implementation plan of the recommendations, as detailed in the Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan, including appropriate implementation costing. More details here.

RSSAC Review Work Party Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan Available

2 October 2018 - Based on its detailed review of the final report, the RSSAC Review Work Party (RWP) has prepared this Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan (FAIIP). Read it here.

Final Report of the RSSAC2 Review Now Available

10 July 2018 - Interisle Consulting Group, LLC, the independent examiner performing the second Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) Review, has published its final report. Read the report or read the announcement.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Opportunities to Participate
Organizational Review Background and Timing
Review Work Party
Review Work Party Meetings
Background Information, Scope, and Timeline
Documents and Output of the First RSSAC Review
Draft Final Report of the RSSAC2 Review Available for Public Comment Through 10 June 2018
9 May 2018 - A webinar on the Draft Final Report was hosted by the independent examiner, Interisle on 9 May 2018 at 20:00 UTC. Visit the Public Comment page or view webinar details. Public comment on the independent examiner's Draft Final Report continues to be invited as part of the second Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC2).

Draft Final Report of the RSSAC2 Review Available for Public Comment - Join the Forthcoming Webinar
27 March 2018 - Public comment on the independent examiner's Draft Final Report is invited as part of the second Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC2). A webinar on the Draft Final Report will be hosted by the independent examiner, Interisle on 9 May 2018 at 20:00 UTC. Visit the Public Comment page or view webinar details.

RSSAC2 Review: Assessment Report Published - Join the Public Meeting at ICANN61
27 February 2018 - Interisle Consulting Group, the independent examiner performing the second review of the ICANN Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) has published its assessment report. Learn more.

ICANN Publishes RSSAC2 Review Survey for Community Input
LOS ANGELES – 27 November 2017 – Interisle is launching a survey to collect input from those who have interacted with RSSAC and/or have ideas for ways to improve it. Learn more.

Interisle Appointed to Conduct RSSAC Review
29 Sept 2017 - Interisle Consulting Group, LLC appointed to conduct an independent review of the Root Server System Advisory Committee. Learn more

Extended Deadline: Request for Proposal for the RSSAC Organizational Review
11 July 2017 - The deadline has been extended for the Request for Proposal for the Independent Review of the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC). The new deadline is 24 July 2017 at 12:00 PDT. Learn more

Request for Proposal: RSSAC Organizational Review
5 June 2017 - The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is seeking a provider to conduct an independent assessment of the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC). Learn more

Initiating the Second Review of the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)
19 April 2017 - Resolved (2017.04.19.01), that the Board initiates the second RSSAC Review and directs ICANN organization to post a Request for Proposal to procure an independent examiner to begin the review as soon as practically feasible. Learn more