SSR2 Review

Project Status:

✅ Board Determination on Final Report in July 2021

⭐ Implementation ongoing/subject to prioritization- refer to the implementation page for more information.

Quick Links:

- SSR2 Final Report (25 January 2021)
- Board resolution on SSR2 Final Report (22 July 2021)
  - Scorecard of Board determinations on SSR2 Final Report (22 July 2021)
  - Board Rationale for ICANN Board Resolutions 2021.07.22.13 approved 22 July 2021
- Board resolution on SSR2 pending Recommendations (01 May 2022)
  - Scorecard of Board determinations on SSR2 Pending Recommendations 01 May 2022
  - Board Rationale for ICANN Board Resolution 2022.05.01.05
  - Detailed Assessment of pending recommendations (01 May 2022)
- Implementation

Background

The Security, Stability, & Resiliency Review is one of the four Specific Reviews. Under Section 4.6(c) of the ICANN Bylaws, ICANN is obligated to conduct a periodic review of ICANN’s execution of its commitment to enhance the operational stability, reliability, resiliency, security, and global interoperability of the systems and processes, both internal and external, that directly affect and/or are affected by the Internet’s system of unique identifiers that ICANN coordinates ("SSR Review").


On 22 July 2021, the Board took action on each of the 63 recommendations contained in the SSR2 Final Report, as specified within the scorecard titled “Scorecard: Final SSR2 Review Team Recommendations - Board Action 22 July 2021”:

- 13 Recommendations were accepted by the Board, subject to prioritization, risk assessment and mitigation, costing, and implementation considerations; with the understanding that two recommendations are already fully implemented
- 6 Recommendations were rejected by the Board, because the recommendation cannot be approved in full. The Board notes that part of the community intent in incorporating Specific Reviews into the ICANN Bylaws in 2016 was to require the Board to act on recommendations as written, not as interpreted by ICANN org or Board.
- 10 Recommendations were rejected by the Board. The detailed rationale for each recommendation sets out the specific reasons for the Board’s decision.
- 34 Recommendations were placed in pending status. The ICANN Board committed to take further action on these recommendations subsequent to the completion of intermediate steps as identified in the Scorecard: Final SSR2 Review Team Recommendations - Board Action 22 July 2021
  - 4 Recommendations the Board determined to be pending, likely to be approved once further information is gathered to enable approval.
  - 6 Recommendations the Board determined to be pending, likely to be rejected unless additional information shows implementation is feasible. Based on the information available to date, the Board anticipates that each of these recommendations will be rejected.
  - 24 Recommendations the Board determined to be pending, holding to seek clarity or further information. The Board is unable to signal at this time whether it is likely to accept or reject these recommendations pending additional information.

On 01 May 2022, the Board took action on 3 pending recommendations. The Board approved Recommendation 5.4, and rejected Recommendations 19.1 and 19.2 issued within the SSR2 Review Team Final Report, as specified within the “Scorecard: SSR2 Pending Recommendations-Board Action 1 May 2022”.

- See https://www.icann.org/resources/reviews/specific-reviews/ssr for more information.