

# 2008-01-23 - ISC (F-Root Operator) ICANN Mutual Responsibilities Agreement

- **Category:** International Agreements
- **Topic:** Mutual Responsibilities Agreement
- **Board meeting date:** 23 January 2008
- **Resolution number:** 2008.01.03
- **URL for Board minutes/resolution:** <http://www.icann.org/en/minutes/minutes-23jan08.htm>
- **Status:** Ongoing

## Summary

Board approves ISC/ICANN Mutual Responsibilities Agreement and resolves that the CEO should seek to conclude similar agreements with other root server operators.

## Text

Whereas, effective root server operations are an essential component in providing a stable and secure, globally interoperable Internet;

Whereas Internet Systems Consortium, ISC, is one of twelve global root server operators and the first to enter into an agreement with ICANN;

Whereas this MRA outlines a structure and description of duties and expectations, dispute resolution, and interchange of technical information between ISC and ICANN;

Whereas formalized expectations between ICANN and root operators will result in a wider understanding of the key operational and stability issues of most concern to the root operator community and the Internet community as a whole;

Whereas this MRA is another important step in coordinating the key entities in providing domain name service, and ensuring that mutual accountabilities are documented and transparent;

It is hereby resolved (2008.01.03) that the ISC/ICANN Mutual Responsibilities Agreement is approved. It is further resolved that ICANN's CEO should seek to conclude similar agreements with other root server operators.

## Implementation Actions

- Seek to conclude similar agreements with other root server operators.
  - Responsible entity: CEO
  - Due date: None specified
  - Completion date: Ongoing

## Other Related Resolutions

- Other resolutions TBD.

## Additional Information

- A copy of the Agreement is available at: <http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-04jan08.htm>.
- Similar agreements were concluded with I-Root Operator, L-Root Operator, and M-Root Operator
- ICANN staff continue to cooperate with all root-operators on a regular basis both through the role of operator of L root and through RSSAC
- The resolution does not address funding for the items identified therein.

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