

Report from the RSSAC May 2018 Workshop

The Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) held its sixth workshop from May 1 to 3, 2018, hosted by Verisign and supported by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). Twelve root server operator (RSO) organizations and the RSSAC liaisons attended the workshop.

The purpose of this workshop was to finalize the proposed governance model (the *Model*) for the DNS Root Server System (RSS). At the workshop, the RSSAC reviewed the Model, discussed scenarios and implementation, and planned next steps. A high-level summary of these activities follows.

The Model

The RSSAC deliberated and finalized all functions and stakeholders of the Model. The RSSAC also refined and finalized the guiding principles of the RSS and RSOs.

Scenarios

The RSSAC discussed multiple scenarios for testing the Model at length. These scenarios illustrate how the Model will operate and how the different functions will interact when activated.

Implementation

The RSSAC also discussed and refined draft recommendations, draft implementation options, and a draft funding methodology to supplement its report on the Model.

Next Steps

Following the workshop, the RSSAC Co-Chairs will brief the ICANN Board at its May 2018 workshop. The briefing will provide the ICANN Board with a preview of forthcoming publications. The materials from this briefing will be released to the ICANN community as well. The RSSAC expects to finalize its report on the Model and supplementary documents by mid-June 2018 to facilitate further interactions with the ICANN Board and community at ICANN62.

Conclusion

The RSSAC had a productive workshop, and the content generated will soon be released as RSSAC publications. The RSSAC would like to express its gratitude to ICANN for supporting its May 2018 workshop, to Verisign for hosting it, and to all individuals involved for their tireless efforts in making it a success.