

RSSAC2 Organizational Review Implementation Progress Report

Background

- On 28 September 2017, ICANN appointed [Interisle Consulting Group, LLC](#) to conduct an independent review of the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC).
- The independent examiner published its [final report of the second RSSAC review](#) on 2 July 2018.
- On 2 October 2018, RSSAC Review Work Party published the [Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan](#) (FAIIP).
- The ICANN Board accepted the final report from the independent examiner, and the FAIIP on 3 May 2019. 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 FAIIP, including appropriate implementation costing.
- The RSSAC approved the RSSAC2 Review Detailed Implementation Plan in its meeting on 7 January 2020.
- On 12 March 2020, the ICANN Board accepted the [RSSAC2 Review Detailed Implementation Plan](#) and directed the RSSAC2 Review Implementation Work Party (RWP) to continue implementation, and to provide updates to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee of the ICANN Board (OEC) through written implementation reports on progress every six months. The first report will be submitted by 30 June 2020.
- The RSSAC2 RWP submitted its [first implementation progress report](#) to the OEC on 24 June 2020.
- The RSSAC2 RWP submitted its [second implementation progress report](#) to the OEC on 9 December 2020.
- The RSSAC2 RWP submitted its [third implementation progress report](#) to the OEC on 3 June 2021.
- The RSSAC2 RWP submitted its [fourth implementation progress report](#) to the OEC on 13 December 2021.

Overview of the Implementation Progress

RSSAC Review Implementation Work Party (RWP) notes that the RSSAC accepted and provided a detailed implementation plan for six recommendations that came out of the second organizational review of the RSSAC.

As reported in previous implementation progress reports, the RWP determined that the following two recommendations have been implemented:

- **Recommendation 3:** Formalize the responsibilities of the RSSAC to the ICANN Board and Community in a work plan that is periodically reviewed and published; and hold the RSSAC accountable for work plan deliverables.
- **Recommendation 4:** Develop and implement a leadership training and succession plan.

The RWP determined that the implementation of the following two recommendations is steadily ongoing:

- **Recommendation 3a:** Engage in ongoing threat assessment and risk analysis of the Root Server System and recommend any necessary audit activities to assess the current status of root servers and root zone.
- **Recommendation 5:** Engage more actively with the rest of ICANN and its community.

The RWP determined that the implementation of the following two recommendations is dependent on the progress of Root Server System Governance Working Group:

- **Recommendation 1a:** Extend RSSAC membership by invitation to any qualified person.
- **Recommendation 6a:** Develop a more effective and transparent process for defining RSSAC Caucus projects, engaging its members and managing its membership, managing its work, and promoting its output.

RSSAC will continue to actively engage in threat assessment and risk analysis of the RSS as well as the rest of ICANN and its community. With all the progress noted on the previous implementation progress reports, from a project management perspective, RWP considers the implementation of Recommendation 3a and Recommendation 5 has become steadily ongoing and it's done. RSSAC will also continue to monitor the progress of RSS GWG with specific attention to how the outcome of the GWG work will address the implementation of Recommendation 1a and Recommendation 6a. Consequently, the RWP considers that the implementation of the second RSSAC organizational review is completed with the submission of this fifth implementation progress report.