

# **RSSAC Advisory on Success Criteria for the Root Server System Governance Structure**

## **17 November 2021**

In RSSAC038, the RSSAC recommended that the ICANN Board initiate a process to, ‘produce a final version of the Model for implementation based on RSSAC037.’<sup>1</sup> As a response to this process the ICANN Board chartered the Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG), which began the work of developing a final version of the Model. As that work progressed it became clear to many of the RSOs that the processes of producing, discussing, and ultimately agreeing to, a new Model would benefit from more detailed criteria to be used when assessing the relative success of any given proposal for such a Model.

With this context, the RSSAC presents **RSSAC058: Success Criteria for the Root Server System Governance Structure**. These criteria, adopted unanimously by RSSAC, serve both as a framework to discuss and assess any proposed RSS governance structure, and also represent further advice needed to make any such governance structure successful.

To complement RSSAC058, and to supplement recommendations in RSSAC038, the RSSAC now presents four recommendations:

**Recommendation 1:** The RSSAC recommends that the ICANN Board accepts the advice presented in RSSAC058 and communicates its expectation that RSSAC058 shall be incorporated into all ongoing and future work involved in designing, evaluating, agreeing, implementing, and enforcing RSS governance.

**Recommendation 2:** The RSSAC recommends that the ICANN Board review its response to RSSAC038 Recommendation 1 and take such further action as necessary to take account of the content of RSSAC058.

**Recommendation 3:** The RSSAC recommends that the ICANN Board take account of the content of RSSAC058 in its response to RSSAC038 Recommendation 2.

**Recommendation 4:** The RSSAC recommends that the ICANN Board take account of the content of RSSAC058 in its response to RSSAC038 Recommendation 3.

As the ICANN Board and community review these publications and consider these recommendations, the RSSAC is committed to being a strong resource and partner.

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<sup>1</sup> See RSSAC038: RSSAC Advisory on a Proposed Governance Model for the DNS Root Server System  
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