

# ICANN | RSSAC

Root Server System Advisory Committee

## **Public Comment on the ICANN FY17 Draft Operating Plan and Budget**

The RSSAC respectfully requests support for one (1) additional traveler at ICANN57-59 as part of the FY17 Operating Plan and Budget. Since receiving travel support for five (5) RSSAC members at ICANN meetings as part of the FY16 Operating Plan and Budget, the RSSAC has consistently resorted to a lottery or another random selection process to select these five (5) support travelers from a pool of six (6) applicants. The demand for six (6) supported travelers has remained consistent over recent ICANN meetings (ICANN49-54).

RSSAC supported travelers are expected to present on behalf of RSSAC at the “How It Works” tutorial series organized by the Office of the CTO and present in other RSSAC public sessions. RSSAC supported travelers also recruit new Caucus members through outreach activities at ICANN meetings. Indeed, 16 new Caucus members joined in 2015 as a result of outreach activities by RSSAC members. Over time, the RSSAC will track how many new Caucus membership applications are received through the outreach activities of supported travelers at ICANN meetings. The RSSAC will also note feedback on “How It Works” sessions and presentations by the supported travelers.

RSSAC work sessions at ICANN meetings facilitate candid conversations and important collaboration within the RSSAC and encourage strategic planning within the RSSAC on matters related to the accountability, continuity, and evolution of the root server system. The RSSAC also takes advantage of this setting to outline its engagement plan for the Caucus and its work parties. Robust participation of RSSAC members at ICANN meetings will enable the RSSAC to continue building upon its post-restructure momentum.

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