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## GAC Meeting with the RSSAC

### Session 7

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#### Session Objective

The GAC will be meeting with the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) in part as an ongoing effort to maintain relations with other ICANN constituencies. This session aims to facilitate future dialogue and cooperation in areas of mutual interest related to the governance and operations of the DNS Root in relation to the public interest.

#### Meeting History

The GAC last met with RSSAC during the 2024 [ICANN 81 Annual General Meeting in Istanbul](#). In which RSSAC introduced its structure and mandate. The same session also provided a high-level overview of the working of the DNS Root Server System (RSS).

#### Background

The RSSAC advises the ICANN community and the Board on matters relating to the operation, administration, security, and integrity of the Root Server System (RSS).

The [RSSAC Caucus](#) is composed of Domain Name System experts who have an interest in the RSS and who broaden the base of diverse technical expertise available for RSSAC work. The primary role of the RSSAC Caucus is to perform research and produce publications on topics relevant to the mission of the RSSAC.

Since the 2024 meeting, a number of [RSSAC comments and advisories](#) have been published, also related to and preparing for the ongoing work of the Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSSGWG) which was established by the ICANN Board based on recommendations developed by RSSAC (see RSSAC037).

#### Key Reference Documents

- [RSSAC webpage](#)
- [Slide deck - Understanding the DNS Root Server System](#)
- [RSSAC 023v2 - History of the Root Server System](#)
- [RSSAC 037 - A Proposed Governance Model for the DNS Root Server System](#)

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