

Expression of Interest: Second IANA Naming Function Review (IFR) Team

The IFR is an accountability mechanism required by ICANN's Bylaws to ensure that Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) meets the needs and expectations of its naming customers.

The IFR team is mandated to review PTI's performance of the IANA naming function against the contractual requirements set forth in the IANA Naming Function Contract and the IANA Naming Function Statement of Work. Review activities are anticipated to begin in September 2023 for approximately 12 – 18 months.

RSSAC is seeking volunteers who wish to serve as a member on the second IFR team. Interested candidates should review the background information and candidate qualification requirements [slide deck](#) before completing this Expression of Interest. The [final report](#) of the first IFR may also be a useful reference document.

Candidates are requested to submit this Expression of Interest to the RSSAC, by 14 June 2023 at 17:00 UTC.

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Geographic region:	Europe

1. Why are you interested in serving as a member of or liaison to the second IFR team?

The IANA is a very important function in the DNS ecosystem. As administrators of the root zone, they are the starting point for the process that feeds the root name servers, which are ultimate infrastructure for the Internet. As operator of a root server identity, this affects my everyday life. I would like to add what support I can to ensure the smoothest, most predictable, and most stable function imaginable from the IANA.

2. What particular skills would you bring to the review team?

With more than 30 years a root server operator, I have very deep expertise of the DNS system in general, and in maintenance of the root zone and the root DNS service in particular. I have also been part of the ICANN community since before its inception and am very familiar with its committees and processes. I have also functioned on boards and in other functions (e.g., layman’s auditor) in various associations in my life, both private and professional.

I have good analytical skills, and I’m good at separating issues and seeing relationships. I’m also a seasoned committee worker. With this, I hope to help to keep issues apart and to focus the work on “the right things”.

3. Please describe your knowledge of the IANA functions:

In my capacity as a root server operator I have interacted with the IANA for close to 30 years, from directly with Jon Postel back in the day, to the IANA of present times. I was a member of ICANN’s CSC for 6 years, and I served as its chair for 3 of those. In that role I interacted extensively with IANA’s staff, president, and board. I have read and worked with the contract that governs the IANA’s naming function, and I took part in creating the processes for amending that contract and its (now) SLA appendix. In the CSC we conducted numerous discussions regarding various details of the service

level expectations of the IANA, and I believe I have a very good understanding of them.

4. Please state your understanding of the purpose of the IFR team:

The IFRs are periodic reviews from a broader set of angles and less frequently than the CSC is chartered to do. The IFR will be composed of members from a wider selection of stakeholder groups and will thereby seek input from parts of the community that the CSC normally doesn't reach – all in the interest of creating maximum transparency and the best possible performance of the IANA.

5. Please confirm that you understand the time necessary to participate in the IFR process and can commit to the role:

YES

NO

6. Please disclose any conflicts of interest that you may have:

I work for a root server operator, and I also operate a dormant one-man consultancy firm. I don't believe that either of those constitute a conflict of interest.