

Record of Meeting

Meeting	General Advisory Standing Committee	
Date / Time	Wednesday 19 June 2024 @ 11.00am – 1.00pm (AEDT)	
Location	Hybrid (in person): Melbourne auDA Boardroom, Level 19, 8 Exhibition Street, Melbourne and online via Microsoft Teams Meeting	
Present	Keith Besgrove (Chair) Dr Peter Langkamp, OAM Nadia Moffatt, OAM Sae Ra Germaine Caroline Greenway	Andrew Williams Susan Kelso Ajoy Ghosh Cleo Kerama
In attendance	Jane Smith, auDA's CPCO	Sandra Davey, auDA Director (and Committee Rep) Peter Elford, auDA Director (and Committee Rep)
Apologies	Jordan Carter, Internet Governance and Policy Director Dr Paul Harrison Sonia Joksimovic, auDA CoSec	

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all members present noting apologies and opened the meeting at 11.01am.

The Chair confirmed a quorum was present.

2. Acknowledgment of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land upon which the Committee was meeting, including members attending remotely and paid respects to elders past and present.

3. Declaration of Interests

The Chair confirmed from all present, that there were no conflicts of interest to be declared.

4. Approve the Previous Record of Meeting

The Committee noted the record of meeting from the 6 March 2024, which was **resolved** as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Actions Arising from the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted an update on the actions arising from the previous meeting.

The Chair invited the CPCO to provide a status update on actions either completed or on the agenda.

6. Workplan Advice: GASC Sub-Committee Update

The Committee discussed the Future Scenarios Report (released as an embargoed report to GASC). The auDA Chair discussed with Peter Langkamp about the timing of the new strategic plan, coupled with the appointment of a new CEO.

GASC will be consulted on the draft Strategic Plan in early 2025

Action: Timeline for consultation on strategic planning to be included in September 2024 agenda [CPCO, September 2024].

7. Internet Governance

The Committee discussed a paper prepared by Caroline Greenway on Internet Governance and the role of civil society in the multi-stakeholder process. This was seen as a preliminary paper for GASC to further consider.

There are opportunities for greater engagement and creating a next generation of internet leaders. NeThing has changed into auIGF. Important to build capacity in end users and civil society and they are different to the tech sector and government.

There was a discussion about auDA's role as an influencer and decision-maker in internet governance fora. There is a strong relationship between auDA and the Australian Government supporting the multi-stakeholder process. auDA is a strong lead internationally. The auDA delegation provide high level leadership at ICANN fora.

The Research & Development Funding Program is going to be announced shortly will make auDA a decision maker.

It was noted there is a need to engage with young people to build a critical mass of new people who understand and advocate for the internet.

Customers don't know the issues, or the urgency or why they should care. Should auDA add scholarships to the Community Grants?

A sub-committee to consider the issue further, consisting of Peter Langkamp, Sae Ra Germaine, Caroline Greenway was agreed.

8. auDA Board Chair Correspondence to GASC Chair

The Committee noted the auDA Chairs letters on their advice on UN sustainable development goals and diversity and inclusion.

The advice will be considered by Board sub-committees later this year.

The Committee noted auDA is currently considering an ESG framework.

9. Digital Divide with Digital Inclusion Research Update

It was noted an update on this agenda will be tabled at the next meeting, due to Dr Paul Harrison being overseas.

10. GASC Membership Workshop with auDA Board – August 2024

The Committee agreed with the draft agenda tabled (recognising that Paul Harrison was overseas) and that the GASC advice to the Board was in 2022.

The Committee noted the member workshop agenda recognises the current membership strategy (approved by the Board in April 2024) and the latest member survey results.

It was noted the workshop is an opportunity to explore whether the membership is only about the stability of the organisation consistent with the Constitution or could it be something more? i.e. Is it an engagement vehicle which keeps people informed?

Action: A package of concise material (key points of Member strategy and research) for the member workshop participants will be sent in time prior to 28th August 2024 workshop [CPCO, August 2024]

11. Future Scenarios Project 2024

This agenda was discussed under agenda 6.

12. Updated 2024 Committee Workplan

The Updated 2024 Committee Workplan was noted.

13. Any Other Business

The Chair and CPCO informed the Committee that the Board had approved GASC as an Advisory Committee until the end of 2025, noting the impending the appointment of a new CEO and finalisation of a Strategic Plan.

Action: Committee members who do not wish to continue into 2025 are to advise auDA's CPCO [GASC Members].

14. Meeting Close / Next Meeting

The Chair confirmed there were no further comments or questions from the Committee.

The Committee noted that the next meeting is scheduled in Melbourne and online, **Tuesday 10 September 2024 at 11.00am - 1.00pm.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 12.48pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Keith Besgrove
Committee Chair

Date: