

Record of Meeting

Meeting	Technical Advisory Standing Committee Meeting	
Date / Time	Friday 2 May 2025 / 2.00pm – 4.00pm AEST	
Location	via Microsoft Teams Meeting	
Present	Nigel Phair (Chair) Dr Lisa Dethridge Patrick Fair	Geoffrey Huston Kim Lowton Martin Schlatter
Also in attendance	Dr Bruce Tonkin, auDA CEO Jane Smith, auDA CPO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA CoSec (<i>joined at 2.15pm</i>)	Peter Elford, auDA Director Mike Trovato, auDA Director Robert Turney, auDA CISO
Invitees	Pip Anderson – Manager, Bendelta (agenda 1-4) Margaret Pettitt, Principal Consultant, Bendelta (agenda 1-4) Sophie O'Shea, auDA Corporate Communications Manager	

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed members present, noting those invited to the meeting and opened the meeting at ~2.00pm.

The Chair confirmed a quorum was present.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country, paying respect to the traditional owners of the land upon which Committee members were located during the meeting, including elders past and present.

3. Declaration of Interests

The Committee noted the standing Declarations of Interests Register, with no conflicts or updated interests declared.

4. Consultation: auDA's [Draft] 2026–2030 Strategy

The Chair invited auDA's CEO, Dr Bruce Tonkin to provide an overview on auDA's [draft]2026–2030 Strategy, which included:

- The history of auDA, its evolution and core functions.
- Key Strategic Developments.
- Input from the 2024 Future Scenario Project.
- Environmental Scan
- auDA's Purpose, Vision and Values
- Internet coordination – ICANN
- Internet Governance – IGF
- Digital Policy Governance; and
- Strategic Pillars

Sonia Joksimovic joined the meeting.

The Committee noted that [auDA's 2026–30 Draft Strategy Consultation Paper](#) was released on 16 April 2025 for public consultation and emailed to the Committee, with members invited to provide feedback. The workshop was supported by representatives from [Bendelta](#), who have assisted auDA in the strategy development process.

The Committee considered and provided feedback on the following three key areas:

1. Clarity:

- Does auDA's Draft 2026–30 Strategy establish a clear strategic direction for the organisation?
- Is the intended direction and long-term focus clear and coherent?
- Does anything feel ambiguous or underexplained?

2. Alignment:

- Whether auDA's Draft 2026–30 Strategy supports it to deliver on the proposed strategic purpose and vision by 2030?
- Are the strategic pillars/initiatives likely to deliver on the purpose?
- Is there the right balance between ambition and realism?

3. Preparedness:

- Whether auDA's Draft 2026–30 Strategy effectively positions auDA to meet the operational challenges and capitalise on the opportunities it faces over 2026–30?
- Are key trends and risks sufficiently accounted for?
- Are there any future scenarios where this strategy might fall short?

Action: Bendelta encouraged participants to provide feedback in the Miro link (https://miro.com/app/board/uXjVI8eUoYs=/?share_link_id=677543712298) to assist the next iteration of auDA's Strategy [TASC, May 2025]

Bendelta representatives left the meeting.

5. The Root of the DNS

The Committee noted Geoff Huston, a member of TASC and Chief Scientist of APNIC had authored and published an article of the Root of the DNS ([ISP Column – March 2025](#)) with the Chair inviting Geoff Huston to provide an overview.

Geoff Huston advised that the Root Server Service Governance Working Group (RSS GWG) is expected to issue a report to ICANN Board, with Peter Elford encouraging the TASC to then give consideration with formalising advice in future, for the auDA Board to consider.

6. Strategic Issues

The Committee confirmed there were no strategic issues for discussion.

7. Previous Record of Meeting – 29 January 2025

The Committee reviewed the draft record of the meeting held 29 January 2025 and **resolved** to approve the record of the meeting, as true and correct.

8. Actions Arising from the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted an update on previous meeting actions.

The Company Secretary noted the 28 May 2025 meeting had been superseded with the rescheduled 2 May 2025 meeting for Strategy Consultation with the Committee.

9. Workplan for 2025

The Committee noted the current Workplan.

The Chair and CEO noted the evolution and approval of auDA's 2026-2030 Strategy will also inform next steps for the Committee.

The Chair encouraged members to provide feedback on topics that may assist with advice for the auDA Board in alignment with its strategic direction, including any guest speakers that may be considered to present during the remaining 2025 calendar year.

Patrick Fair suggested that TASC may wish to consider SMS Register Structure and how it relates to *ID Name Control*, with Patrick volunteering to present at a future meeting on this topic, for the Chair, CEO and Company Secretary to consider offline.

10. Any Other Business

There were no further comments or questions raised by the Committee.

11. Meeting Close

The Chair confirmed there was no other business for discussion and any further comments or questions from the Committee.

The Committee noted the next meeting date is scheduled for **Tuesday 2 September 2025 @ 11.00am – 1.00pm.**

The Meeting closed at 4.04pm

Signed as a true and correct record.

Nigel Phair

Committee Chair

Date: