Record of Meeting

Meeting	Technical Advisory Standing Committee Meeting
Date / Time	Tuesday 28 February 2023 / 10.00am – 12.00pm AEDT
Location	via Microsoft Teams
Present	Nigel Phair (Chair) — Kim Lowton Dr Lisa Dethridge — Jo O'Brien Paul Day — Anuja Rao Geoff Huston, AM — Martin Schlatter Jonathan Gleeson — Patrick Fair
Also in attendance	Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO — Matthew Healy, auDA Director Colin Brown, auDA CPCO — Peter Elford, auDA Director Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec
Invitees	Nil
Apologies	Rosemary Sinclair AM, auDA CEO

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed members present and opened the meeting at 10.02am.

The Chair noted that due to another meeting commitment, auDA's CEO, Rosemary Sinclair was an apology for the meeting confirming Bruce Tonkin and Colin Brown will provide an update, where relevant.

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.

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

4. Previous Record of Meeting – 6 December 2022

The Committee reviewed the draft record of the meeting held 6 December 2022 and **resolved** to approve the record of the meeting, as true and correct.

5. Actions Arising from the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted an update on previous meeting actions.

It was noted a summary from Patrick Fair, supported by Kim Lowton, on the DSA Regulation (Digital Services Act) enacted in July 2022, would be *carried forward* to the June meeting for members review and information.

6. Update from Board Representatives

The Committee Chair informed members of his recent engagement with the auDA Board at the 8 February 2023 Board meeting.

It was noted the Committee Workplan was tabled for review, with an opportunity agreed for the Board representatives to have a strategic discussion with members on the most useful issues for the Committee to focus on.

Matt Healy suggested the Committee consider the following topics, which was discussed:

- **Competition** i.e.. emerging risks from alternative options (e.g. Facebook and Instagram) to using domain names on auDA's operations); and
- **Identity and Privacy** i.e. consideration on whether the use of domain names for individual can assist with digital identity and privacy protection.

It was noted that parts of auDA's Risk Register and relevant parts from the Company's Risk Appetite would be shared with the Committee to assist their review and advice on options to be prepared for the Board to consider.

The CPCO noted members are required to execute a Confidentiality Agreement in advance of receiving confidential Company information.

Action: It was **agreed** the CPCO would arrange members to have access to GASC meeting discussions, so advisory Committee could cross-collaborate on relevant topics [CPCO, February 2023].

7. Update on TASC Charter

The Committee noted an annual review of the TASC Charter had been undertaken by the Board at its 8 February 2023 meeting.

The Committee noted the amendments tabled, which were **supported**.

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

8. Review of Committee Workplan for 2023 Focus

Action: Following the Board Representative update, the Chair noted a revision of the Committee Workplan would be updated to reflect the meeting feedback received for the Committee to focus on [Chair, CoSec & CPCO, February 2023].

Martin Schlatter noted he is a member with CI-ISAC (Critical Infrastructure Information Sharing Analysis Centre https://ci-isac.com.au/) and potential outcomes from this membership to update the Committee including guest speakers who may be interested in attending TASC meetings to provide their insight.

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

9. Australian Cyber Security Policy Update

The Chair invited Anuja Rao to provide an overview of the Australian Cyber Security Policy Update, following recent Government announcements for ongoing monitoring, which was noted.

10. To DNSSEC or Not?

The Chair invited Geoff Huston to provide an overview on his recently published article *To DNSSEC or Not?,* which the Committee noted and discussed.

Mr Huston suggested auDA consider approaching Internet Systems Consortium (ISC)(the maintainers of *BIND* DNS software), NLnet Liabs (the maintainers of unbound DNS software), CZ.NIC (the maintainers of Knot Resolver software) with a proposal to contribute funds for the implementation of RFC7901 (CHAIN Query Requests in DNS) as a means of improving the validation performance of DNSSEC.

Patrick Fair shared reading material on the issues of DNSSEC for Committee review and information (https://sockpuppet.org/blog/2015/01/15/against-dnssec/; https://fastmail.blog/advanced/dnssec-dane/).

There were no further comments noted by the Committee.

11. Update on 2022 auDA Foundation Grant Recipients

The Chair invited the CPCO to provide an update on the successful 2022 auDA Foundation Grant Recipients, following the public announcement released January 2023.

The Committee noted the successful 15 grant applications for 2022, approved by the Board:

Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of New South Wales	Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Dashboard - Research Project
Accessible Beaches Australia	Making access to beaches and information possible
Cool Australia	Bridging the digital divide for primary school students
Good Things Foundation	Measuring the economic impact of digital exclusion for vulnerable communities
Justice Connect	Connecting older Australians with legal help online
Life Without Barriers	Using digital innovation to enhance sexual safety for marginalised children and young people in rural and remote Australia
Missing School Inc	Connecting Sick Kids to Their School Communities
Monash University	Creating a world first measure of cyber scam risk for people with brain injury
National Justice Project	Tech4Justice
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	Digital Transformation of Fit4Surgery Rehabilitation Program
Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital	Monitoring Glaucoma at Home to Preserve Sight
South Australian Council of Social Service	Libraries and Community Centres: The online lifeline for regional South Australia
The Northcott Society	Safety Net
University of Queensland	First Nations Youth Digital Story
Victoria University	How are Australian SME's achieving the UN's SDG Goals through internet technologies and ICT

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

12. Committee Succession Update

The CPCO provided an update on TASC member reappointments, approved by the Board at its 8 February 2023 meeting, as endorsed by the Committee Chair:

1. Martin Schlatter for a further two year term (1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024); and
2. Jonathan Gleeson for a further one year term (1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023).

Action: The CPCO noted, as foreshadowed earlier in the meeting discussion, a Confidentiality Agreement would be distributed to all members for return execution [CoSec, March 2023].

13. Meeting Close

The Committee noted the Minister has opened consultation on the *List of critical technologies in the national interest* with 63 current and emerging technologies features that have the capacity to significantly enhance or pose risk to our national interest for Committee review:

https://www.industry.gov.au/news/2022-update-list-critical-technologies-national-interest-have-your-say

The following reading material was also shared with the Committee for their review and information:

https://www.icann.org/en/announcements/details/icann-convenes-design-team-to-evolve-root-zone-security-21-02-2023-en

https://www.patrickfair.com/_files/ugd/ce391e_8bf4e92d4ce743c899598cdd0b327a79.pdf

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 **Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 3.00pm – 5.00pm**

The Meeting closed at 11.38am.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Nigel Phair
Committee Chair

Date: