

# Record of Meeting

Meeting	Technical Advisory Standing Committee (TASC) Meeting	
Date / Time	Tuesday 4 June 2024 / 11.00am – 1.00pm AEST	
Location	Hybrid (in person): auDA's Boardroom, Level 19, 8 Exhibition Street, Melbourne and (via video conference)	
Present	Nigel Phair (Chair) Dr Lisa Dethridge Patrick Fair Geoffrey Huston	Jo O'Brien ( <i>joined at 11.03am</i> ) Kim Lowton ( <i>joined at 11.09am</i> ) Martin Schlatter
Also in attendance	Jane Smith, auDA CPCO Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA CoSec	Mike Trovato, auDA Director Peter Elford, auDA Director
Invitees	Ram Mohan and Russ Housley, ICANN Security and Stability Advisory Committee ( <i>part attendance for agenda 6</i> ) Alan Cameron, Board Chair ( <i>part attendance for agenda 6</i> )	
Apologies	Nil	

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed members present, noting those invited to the meeting and confirmed a quorum present.

The meeting was opened at 11.00am with the Chair moving to agenda 6, which the Committee supported.

## 2. Guest Presenter ICANN Security and Stability Advisory Committee

*Jo O'Brien joined the meeting.*

The Chair introduced Ram Mohan and Russ Housley from ICANN Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) to present on the *SSAC Report on the Evolution of Internet Name Resolution*.

*Kim Lowton joined the meeting.*

Russ Housley provided a presentation, noting that name resolution on the Internet is becoming more ambiguous and there are alternative approaches to naming systems

with varied principles and functionalities, but they use the same syntax as domain names (e.g. names in the form example.com)

The Committee noted names play an important role in how users trust the services they use, with an overview of some of the motivations for creating alternative naming systems; including effects and implications.

The Committee discussed how alternate systems relate to the traditional DNS with the scale for alternative naming systems queried, with confirmation that registration to date is for specific purposes noted, but there are claims of around 20 million names registered in some of the alternative naming systems.

The Committee noted the quality and characteristics of the DNS i.e. impact with Security Policies, discussed.

The Committee noted the use of these alternate naming approaches is incredibly hard to mitigate misuse i.e. scams and fraudulent websites, as users may not be able to distinguish a name for use in the DNS from a name used in an alternative naming system

The appetite for ICANN to regulate, enforce or adjudicate was discussed.

*Ram Mohan, Russ Housley and Alan Cameron left the meeting and the Chair reverted to the order of the agenda as tabled.*

## **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 – 21 February 2024**

The Committee reviewed the draft record of the meeting held 21 February 2024 and **resolved** to approve the record of the meeting, as true and correct, *subject to an amendment discussed and agreed.*

## **5. Actions Arising from the Previous Meeting**

The Committee noted an update on previous meeting actions.

## 7. Review of Committee Workplan

The Committee noted the updated workplan for Committee focus.

The Chair encouraged members to consider subject matter experts that can attend 2024 meetings, as guest speakers.

## 8. auDA's Future Scenario Project

The Future Scenarios' Project Report was taken as read.

auDA's COO was invited to provide an overview of the published report, which was released publicly by way of an auDA webinar that was hosted by auDA's CEO and Dr Matt Finch, who was engaged to assist the project and auDA's Strategic planning for 2026-30.

The CPCO noted auDA Management will progress a draft Strategic Plan, with the TASC to be invited for consultation and consider the priorities for auDA for the next 5 years.

**Action:** Share Future Scenarios webinar (<https://www.auda.org.au/events/future-scenarios-navigating-digital-world-2044>) to the Committee [CoSec, June 2024]

The Chair encouraged members to review the webinar and provide feedback offline, for further discussion.

**Action:** Include Future Scenario discussion on the next meeting agenda [CoSec, September 2024]

## 9. Strategic Issues

The Chair encouraged any insights on Strategic Issues from members for auDA Board consideration.

Further to the agenda 8 discussion, Peter Elford invited members to consider strategic technical implications over a 5-10 year period that auDA may need to consider (i.e. invest future resources and required expertise).

No further comments or questions were noted.

## 10. Any Other Business

Patrick Fair informed the Committee that amendments to the *Privacy Act* are imminent.

Lisa Dethridge presented a brief outline of the Scenarios at the international [AI for Good Global Summit](#) organized by the United Nations and ITU, Geneva Switzerland.

auDA scenarios were used in the workshop activity at the UN meeting and were well received by participants. It was noted this suggests the scenario usefulness as a planning tool for many other organizations <https://aiforgood.itu.int/>

No other business was noted.

## **11. Meeting Close**

The Committee noted the next meeting date is scheduled **Tuesday 3 September 2024 at 11.00am-1.00pm**, until further arrangements are made.

**Action:** The Chair foreshadowed a potential date change for the September 2024 meeting, that will be coordinated offline with the Company Secretary [CoSec, June 2024]

The Meeting closed at 12.31pm

Signed as a true and correct record.

**Nigel Phair**  
Committee Chair

Date: