Record of Meeting

Meeting	General Advisory Standing Committee Meeting	
Date / Time	Tuesday 29 March 2022 / 2.00pm – 5.00pm AEDT	
Location	**Hybrid:** ACCAN, WeWork Serviced Office, Level 8, 320 Pitt Street, Sydney and via * Microsoft Teams	
Present	Keith Besgrove, Chair Ajoy Ghosh * Sae Ra Germaine Caroline Greenway Dr Paul Harrison (*joined at 2.58pm*)	Susan Kelso Cleo Kerama Nadia Moffatt, OAM Andrew Williams Dr Peter Langkamp (*joined at 3.03pm until 4.43pm*)
In attendance	Rosemary Sinclair AM, auDA CEO Sonia Joksimovic, auDA Co Sec Bruce Tonkin, auDA COO (** part attendance until 4pm*) Tim O'Halloran, The Shape Agency, Facilitator (*part attendance*) * Colin Brown, auDA CPCO (*joined at 2.58pm*) *	Steph Viljoen, Manager Compliance Analytics & Privacy Officer (** part attendance until 4pm*) Anneliese Williams, auDA Specialist Advisory, Policy (*joined for agenda 7*) Sabina Ferando, Policy Advisor (*joined for agenda 7*)
Apologies	Sandra Davey, auDA Director Sophie Mitchell, auDA CCO	

1.   Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed all members present and opened the meeting at 2.00pm.

The Chair noted that he was pleased to hold the inaugural meeting of the reconstituted Committee in person and confirmed that fellow member, Dr Paul Harrison, auDA's CEO, Rosemary Sinclair and auDA's CPCO, Colin Brown, are scheduled to join at 3.00pm.

2.   Acknowledgment of Country

The Chair acknowledgement the traditional owners of the land upon which the Committee was meeting 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.

Action: It was **agreed** members are to complete and return the declaration form, included in the meeting papers, for an Interest Register to be tabled at future meetings [Committee, March 2022].

4. Part 1: Introduction of Tim O'Halloran

The Chair introduced external facilitator, Tim O'Halloran from The Shape Agency.

The Committee noted the collective outcome from the T-shape skills session completed offline by members, prior to the meeting.

5. Part 2: Introduction of Committee members

The Facilitator invited attendees to participate in an online activity with a brief round table introduction which included members outlining their experience and skillset to assist future meeting contribution.

6. Part 3: Stakeholder Mapping

The Facilitator invited attendees to participate in an online activity to consider the stakeholder network for auDA.

Action: A record of the Stakeholder Mapping and team building activities is to circulated separately[CoSec, March 2022]

The Chair noted auDA has an opportunity to collaborate with, or reflect on the identified stakeholders to inform the Committee's focus and workplan.

Tim O'Halloran left the meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting for a short break and the meeting resumed shortly thereafter.

7. Presentation on Internet Governance (with focus on WTSA)

The Chair explained to the meeting that auDA had previously identified two broad areas where it was seeking early views from the GASC.

The first of these was internet governance, where the GASC may wish to reflect on the range of things which auDA is already doing here and to provide advice on new or additional activities which auDA may undertake.

The second broad area was the general issue of increasing auDA's membership.

The Chair invited Caroline Greenway to provide the Committee with an overview on Internet Governance with focus on the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA).

The Committee noted the important role ITU plays in forging cooperation in the global communications system, telecommunications infrastructure development and the allocation of radio frequency spectrum; and how this role has emerged over the years with an embedment into many countries. It also noted the many complex and overlapping international activities are currently underway with respect to internet governance.

It was noted that the responsible Commonwealth government agencies had suffered a loss of expertise in this area in recent years and that liaison with industry on internet governance issues should be enhanced.

The Chair invited the CEO to provide an overview of auDA's Strategy, including its vision, mission and focus on Internet Governance and developing a multi-stakeholder community.

The CEO outlined the auDA's values that underpin and guide the way auDA behaves, works together and engages with the multi-stakeholder community and how to increase auDA's involvement and influence in internet governance both domestically and internationally.

The CEO outlined the risk for end users of a splintered internet with different technical and governance standards.

The CEO noted the following measures to mitigate this risk, are to:

- Develop information and effective education programs to raise awareness in Australia of the importance of an open, free, secure and global internet.
- Develop and implement an International Engagement Plan, focused on supporting an open, free, secure and global internet; and
- Develop working relationships (both international and domestic).

The Committee considered various approaches for future consideration to assist auDA developing effective relationships with cyber affairs and critical technology.

Action: The Chair indicated that he and Caroline Greenway would be developing a few ideas in this space for discussion at the next meeting [Chair & Caroline Greenway, June 2022].

Action: Provide the Committee with auDA's FY21-25 Strategy on a Page and Company Values [CoSec, March 2022].

Bruce Tonkin and Steph Viljoen left the meeting.

8. Committee Feedback on 2022 Workplan

The Chair invited the CEO to provide feedback on how the Committee can assist broadening auDA membership, with consideration of the impending transition of associate memberships. There was also discussion how Committee members would benefit from deeper analysis of likely cohorts such as small businesses.

The CEO further encouraged feedback from committee members for future newsletter content, such as:

- Innovative users of the internet
- Cyber Security; and
- Identifying cohorts of members

The Chair invited members to provide feedback to develop a workplan for future discussion and suggested UN Sustainable Development Goals (i.e. the international framework) will form part for Committee's future thinking.

Peter Langkamp provided feedback on a materiality survey to determine the issues most important to auDA and its stakeholders.

The Committee discussed a range of roles for auDA to consider:

- Be a powerful force for change driving new value and growth;
- Educate small community groups and small businesses;
- Improve cyber security success with access and diversity inclusion for further consideration;
- Role in addressing coercive uses of technology (i.e. bullying, trolling, domestic violence);
- Internet technology and human rights;
- Government engagement (for public and broader interests); and
- Improving community engagement to assist female participation (as internet is male dominated)

Action: The Chair suggested members continue to provide feedback offline to assist workplan development [Committee, March 2022].

9. Overview of 2022 auDA Foundation Grants Program

The CPCO was invited to update the Committee on the auDA Foundation 2022 Grants Program, noting the key focus of auDA's future investment is to support innovation.

The Committee noted the 2021 Grants Foundation Program awarded $600,000 in funding to support 15 eligible applicants in various projects.

The CPCO indicated that auDA was looking for ideas from the GASC as to areas of future focus for the grants program and outlined the development of an Innovation and Impact Strategy, encouraging members to provide feedback to assist this work in 2022.

10. auDA Membership/Community Events

The Committee noted auDA's 2022 Member and Stakeholder Events schedule.

The CPCO noted the Committee will be kept informed on the development of online webinars focus topics and interstate seminars.

The Committee was also encouraged to join as members to also receive regular information about auDA's activities.

Action: Provide the Committee registration details for the upcoming .au member networking event scheduled in Sydney, Thursday 7 April 2022 [CoSec, March 2022].

11. Meeting Close / Next Meeting

The Chair confirmed there were no further questions from the Committee and thanked all members for their time and contribution at the meeting.

The Committee noted that the next meeting is scheduled **Tuesday 14 June 2022 at 3.00pm – 5.00pm**.

The Meeting closed at 4.58pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

Keith Besgrove
Committee Chair

Date: