

**Quarterly Stocktake from the GPA’s Working Groups**

**To Working Group Chairs:** please complete the relevant sections of the table below to provide an update of your group’s progress against its work plan, and against any GPA policy strategy actions your group will deliver. Please return this to the GPA Secretariat at [secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org](mailto:secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org) within the timescales indicated in the cover email you received with this attachment. This update will also be reviewed by the Strategic Direction Sub-Committee.

***Quarterly Update: November 2020-January 2021***

<b>Working Group</b>	<b>Policy Strategy</b>  Please identify how your Working Group’s mandate/2020-21 workplan aligns with the pillars of the Policy Strategy and/or specific Actions	<b>Headline Progress</b>  (To include progress against the GPA Policy Strategy actions)	<b>Item from the Work Plan 2020-2021</b>	<b>Activities November 2020-January 2021</b>  (Progress this quarter, to include milestones complete & achievements. Please also include any external engagement undertaken. For all activities please indicate their relevance to your agreed WG work plan, the GPA policy strategy or wider global debate.)	<b>Priority Actions for next quarter February-April 2021</b>
<p><b>Policy Strategy: Workstream 2 – Digital Economy Narrative</b></p> <p>Chair: <i>EDPS</i></p>	<p>Develop a narrative on how data protection and privacy regulation provides safeguards for the public and supports trust in the digital economy (Pillar #3 Action III)</p>	<p>The background paper “Towards a trustworthy digital economy”, approved was approved at the GPA 2020 Closed session, serves as the basis for engagement with relevant multilateral and international bodies in order to give the GPA a stronger voice in global</p>		<p>Teleconferences took place on 10 November 2020 and 13 January, primarily with a view of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- update colleagues and discuss next steps in terms of engagement.</li> <li>- discussing the PSWG2 input for the new GPA strategic plan.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Intensify engagement efforts with relevant stakeholders.</li> <li>2. Provide recommendations for next steps in relation to future GPA activities regarding the digital economy.</li> </ol>

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		<p>debate and initiatives surrounding the digital economy.</p> <p>This engagement is being undertaken on the basis of the draft table identifying possible stakeholders for future engagement which was submitted to the GPA 2020 closed session as part of the PSWG2 report.</p>		<p>Two external engagement activities were undertaken, both by ICO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 November 2020 - participation in a webinar entitled “Different models to facilitate the cross-border exchange of personal data”, organised by the World Trade Organisation (WTO)</li> <li>- 12 November 2020 - participation in a webinar entitled Data flows, Trade and International Cooperation” (webinar organised by the WTO as part of the 2020 session of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF))</li> </ul> <p>Both the WTO and IGF were identified as relevant stakeholders draft table identifying possible stakeholders for future engagement which was submitted to the GPA 2020 closed session.</p>	
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