

Summary of 68th GPA Executive Committee Meeting

The meeting was held on 17 March 2022 and chaired by Francisco Javier Acuña Llamas (President Commissioner at INAI Mexico).

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE GPA STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Strategic Direction Sub-Committee (SDSC), Angelene Falk, Australian Information Commissioner and Privacy Commissioner, provided an update on the work of the SDSC since the 67th ExCo meeting which included meeting with Working Groups to discuss their quarterly reports and future plans. In terms of strategic messaging, the SDSC has prepared a slide deck which will be circulated to the GPA membership. The SDSC reported on GPA uptake and consideration of the [joint statement mechanism](#). Lastly, the SDSC provided an update that two working groups (Digital Economy Working Group and the Data Sharing Working Group) are currently without chairs. The Secretariat has received nominations for new Chairs which are being considered.

UPDATE FROM TURKEY – THE HOST OF 44th GPA 2022 CONFERENCE

Professor Faruk Bilir, Commissioner of Data Protection Authority, Turkey, provided an update of the preparations for the 2022 GPA Annual Conference. The conference is expected to be celebrated from October 24 to October 27, in person and virtually.

FUTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

The GPA Secretariat referred to the "Resolution on the Future of the Conference, and the Secretariat" adopted in October 2021 which considers next steps for the Future of the Financed Secretariat in 2023. The Secretariat called on the members of the Executive Committee to join the Election Committee, which needs to have the participation of 3 GPA Members and at least 1 ExCo Member. The GPA Secretariat will send the formal written invitation to ExCo members and GPA members to join the Election Committee and follow up on the work of the Future of the Conference.

REFERENCE PANEL

The GPA Secretariat recognized the work of the Reference Panel, formed by 16 experts in data protection and privacy, representatives of academia and civil society, whose term of responsibility is two years, renewable for an additional period. The Secretariat noted the term of the current Chair, Germany, will conclude in April 2022. The Secretariat will work to ensure a new Chair of the Reference Panel.

GPA MEMBERSHIP AND OBSERVERS -ACCREDITATION SUB-COMMITTEE-FOR DECISION

The GPA Secretariat presented the draft work schedule for the Accreditation Subcommittee, which was unanimously approved. The Members that formed this Subcommittee are Morocco, Bermudas, and Mexico.