

**81st GPA Executive Committee Agenda**

**Thursday 27 June 2024**

**Timing 8:00 (UTC -6)**

**Attendees:**

Chair: Adrián Alcalá Méndez (President Commissioner at INAI Mexico)

Bermuda: Alexander White, Commissioner

Bulgaria: Ventsislav Karadjov, Chairman

Germany: Thomas Grundmann and Stefan Niederer in representation of Commissioner Ulrich Kelber

Jersey: Paul Vane, Commissioner

Korea: Haksoo Ko, Chairperson

Mexico:               Adrián Alcalá Méndez, President Commissioner

Morocco: Mouna EL KISS in representation of President Commissioner Omar Seghrouchni

**Secretariat:** Rolan Haroldo Sánchez Moran, General Director of International Affairs at INAI

**OPC Canada** (**present only in item 7) :** Miguel Bernal-Castillero, Director for International Affairs.

1. **Welcome and review of the agenda and 80th meeting action reviews.**
* The meeting´s agenda was unanimously adopted without any amendments or objections.
* The 80th meeting minutes were unanimously adopted. Commissioner Alexander White's comment regarding a misspelled name was duly noted and incorporated.
1. **Presentation on Jersey Advancements as the Host for the 46th GPA 2024.**
* Commissioner Paul Vane highlighted the developments for the 46th GPA Session. A draft program was shared for collaborative review. The Open Session agenda is nearly finalized, with speaker arrangements ongoing. The session starts Monday afternoon with side meetings/events and an informal welcome reception in the evening. Tuesday's program includes keynotes, panels, and debates focused on AI and related themes.
* Sessions cover individual perspectives, regulatory challenges, international issues, and cultural topics like indigenous data protection. Wednesday features discussions on privacy rights, education, and innovative data stewardship frameworks. The day concludes with a keynote, closing remarks, and preparations for the GPA awards ceremony.
* Sponsorship from technology, pharmaceutical, and local sectors is progressing well. The Executive Committee was encouraged to suggest speakers for remaining program slots.
* Chairman Ventsislav Karadjov thanked the ambitious and well-organized program and raised a concern regarding the participation of public sector participants in the agenda. Referring to recent discussions at the European Data Protection Board in Brussels, highlighted public sector concerns about registration fees. The difference between fees for public and private sectors was noted along with considerations about the value of remote participation for public sector representatives. Chairman Ventsislav Karadjov emphasized the importance of public sector involvement in strategic discussions and proposed revisiting participation fees to enhance inclusivity and engagement.
* Regarding the Agenda's public sector representation, Commissioner Paul Vane clarified that it includes data protection authorities. Efforts are ongoing to finalize speakers, ensuring a diverse range across the AI theme for both sectors. The need for balanced representation in terms of diversity and geographic perspective was emphasized.
* Regarding registration fees, Commissioner Paul Vane noted a thorough evaluation based on past GPA and other conference models. The Executive Committee aims to balance affordability and inclusivity, considering concerns from European authorities about attendance costs. The Chair suggested considering the comment raised, after the agenda presentation, for future discussion.
1. **Presentation of the update of the GPA Timetable for Resolutions 2024**
* The Chair presented the updated Resolutions timetable. Changes requested by GPA members to extend the resolution submission deadline required modifications to the March Executive Committee-approved timetable, which had been previously shared with GPA members.
* The deadline for resolution submissions has been moved to late June, shifting the first and second member consultations to July from their original June schedule.
* Commissioner Paul Vane noted that several European data protection authorities will be largely closed during July, with many senior decision-makers on holiday until late August. Consequently, requests have been received to extend the comment deadline until early September to accommodate sufficient time for thoughtful feedback.
* Thomas Grundmann seconded Commissioner Paul Vane´s comment. And it was suggested to reconsider conducting the voting electronically and instead revert to the procedural rules where voting occurs during the Closed Session in October in Jersey.
* Considering the comments, Haroldo Sánchez proposed considering a mixed approach for resolution discussions, and acknowledged the concern raised by the German authority regarding the need for resolutions to have a dedicated space for discussion and approval. The proposal suggests continuing with the hybrid electronic format until September.
* The Executive Committee agreed to postpone the distribution of final resolution projects to all GPA members before the Closed Session until September.
1. **Presentation of the proposed host authority for the GPA Annual Meeting 2026.**
* In April 2024, the Secretariat issued a call for proposals to host the GPA Annual Meeting 2026. Morocco, Jersey, and Germany participated in the Host Bid Assessment Subcommittee 2026. The Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Data Protection Commissioner's Office was the sole entity to submit a proposal.
* The Subcommittee meticulously evaluated the proposal against updated criteria, with the DIFC demonstrating commendable performance across critical categories such as Closed Session, public events, facilities, location, and financial aspects.
* Following thorough assessment, the Subcommittee recommends selecting the DIFC as the host for the 2026 meeting, underscoring its alignment with GPA standards and substantial advantages, including modern infrastructure and cost-effectiveness.
* The Executive Committee is requested to finalize its decision by July 8. Pending any objections, the Secretariat will notify both the DIFC and GPA members, with a 10-day objection period to ensure a transparent selection process.
1. **Update on the Giovanni Buttarelli Award 2024.**
* In April 2024, the GPA Secretariat opened nominations for the Giovanni Buttarelli Award 2024, with a deadline extended to early June 2024. Following review by the Executive Committee and the European Data Protection Supervisor, a shortlist of candidates was finalized:
* Angelene Falk: 3 votes
* Anu Bradford: 3 votes
* Jean-Philippe Walter: 3 votes
* Bruno Gencarelli: 2 votes
* John Francis Faustorilla Jr.: 2 votes
* Mar España Martí: 2 votes
* Helen Dixon: 1 vote
* Vincent Olatunji: 1 vote
* The Secretariat recommended the Executive Committee approve this shortlist. Pending objections, candidates will be notified, and voting among GPA members will commence in July 2024. Updates will be shared with the Buttarelli family accordingly.
* Chairperson Haksoo Ko emphasized the importance of regional representation in these awards.
1. **Update on the GPA Global Privacy and Data Protection Award 2024 (5 mins) - for information.**
* The GPA Awards call was launched in early May, with a total of 61 projects received by mid-June across the following categories:
* 37 projects: Public Education and Awareness
* 12 projects: Innovation
* 8 projects: Accountability
* 4 projects: Dispute Resolution and Enforcement
* These projects will be uploaded for voting in July. The Executive Committee is requested to conduct a preliminary selection vote shortly.
1. **Update on the Privacy & Human Rights Award.**
* Miguel Bernal-Castillero on behalf of OPC’s Commissioner Dufresne, reported on the Privacy and Human Rights Award. Launched on June 17th, this award celebrates outstanding efforts in privacy and fundamental rights protection.
* The Award Selection Subcommittee, formed with members from OPC Canada, the South African Information Commissioner, Georgian Data Protection Authority, Access Now, and Valeria Milanes, has set out its mandate and timeline for nominations.
* With support of the GPA Secretariat, nominations and the award have been promoted through various channels, including multilingual materials posted on the GPA website and distributed to members.
* Nominations close on September 1st. The Subcommittee will finalize selections by mid-October. The winner will be announced at RightsCon in Taipei, Taiwan, in February 2025.
1. **AOB.**
* Regarding the termination of membership of the Saxon Data Protection and Transparency Commissioner it was clarified that federal and state commissioners, including Saxony, operate independently without hierarchical oversight from the federal commissioner. Regrettably, no further updates are available currently.