

**83nd GPA Executive Committee Agenda**

**Thursday 17 October 2024**

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

**Attendees:**

Chair: Josefina Román Vergara (Commissioner at INAI Mexico)

Bermuda: Alexander White, Commissioner

Marocco: Souhaila Chaoui, in representation of President Commissioner Omar Seghrouchni

Bulgaria: Ventsislav Karadjov, President Commissioner.

Germany: Marc Schlegel and Stefan Niederer in representation of Commissioner Louisa Specht-Riemenschneider

Jersey: Paul Vane, Commissioner

Korea: Haksoo Ko, Commissioner

Mexico:               Josefina Román Vergara, Commissioner

Philippines: Issa Gayas, Director IV of the NPC

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

1. **Welcome and review of the agenda and 82st meeting action reviews**
* The meeting´s agenda was unanimously adopted without any amendments or objections.
* The 82st meeting minutes were unanimously adopted.
1. **Presentation on Jersey Advancements as the Host for the 46th GPA 2024**
	* Commissioner Paul Vane informed that the organization of the conference is already complete, only a few logistical matters are missing, and despite the difficulties everything is going according to plan.
	* He also informed that the members of the Committee should receive all the necessary information for the open session between today and tomorrow through an app on the smartphone, which will allow to the event attendees to manage all the matters regarding the logistics of their attendance.
	* Commissioner Ventsislav Karadjov expressed his concern about Bulgaria’s difficulties relating to the exchange rate of conference registration fees, since Bulgaria can only pay in euros. The commissioner undertook to send the necessary information to solve this issue, for both Commissioner Ventsislav and Commissioner Josefina.
	* Commissioner Paul Vane expressed his enthusiasm to welcome all attendees to the upcoming conference.
2. **Presentation of the 46th GPA Closed Session Agenda**
	* Commissioner Josefina Román Vergara highlighted new topics and sessions, including a keynote by Boyana Bellami on AI and bias in vulnerable groups, as well as a panel on the metaverse and minors. She also announced three skill-building workshops focusing on innovative sandboxes, neuro-rights regulation and cybersecurity.
	* The second day of activities will include a panel on cross-border payments and a discussion on Long Language Models (LLM) and their impact on privacy, these are topics that have not been discussed in previous years.
	* It was agreed to send a more detailed and updated draft agenda to all executive committee members at the request of Stefan Niederer from the BfDI.
3. **Elections Executive Committee.**
	* Commissioner Josefina Román Vergara presented the new committee member, the Regulator Information of South Africa, who will take the position from October 2024 to October 2026.
	* Subsequently she mentioned a list of all candidates and their respective number of votes, thanking them for their participation.
	* There were no amendments or objections and Commissioner Vergara took the opportunity to bid farewell German authority and thank them for their services to the Executive Committee.
4. **New members and observers’ recommendation.**
	* Due to the fact that there were no objections on the list of new members and observers’ recommendations, Commissioner Josefina listed the approved candidates for new memberships, including:

1. The International Financial Center in Astana, Kazakhstan.

2. The Mauritanian Personal Data Protection Authority

3. The Institute of Transparency and Access to Information of the State of Quintana Roo, Mexico.

4. The Institute of Transparency and Access to Information of the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico.

5. The Qatar National Cybersecurity Agency.

6. The Zimbabwe Postal and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority.

7. The Data Protection Office of the Qatar Financial Centre, and

8. The Uganda Personal Data Protection Office.

* + It was also announced the incorporation of new observers and those who renewed their observer status.
	+ Commissioner Haksoo Ko expressed his concern about the subjectivity in the evaluation process, for which it was agreed to work together with the Accreditation Sub-committee to implement a criteria system to be more accurate in the selection process of members and observers, and this will be presented to the next Executive Committee
1. **Reference Panel and new Chair**
	* Commissioner Josefina Román Vergara explained the functions of the Reference Panel and asked for volunteers to be the new Chair of it, due to the lack of response via e-mail. To encourage the volunteering, Commissioner Alexander White explained the importance of the Reference Panel and the opportunities for involvement.
	* Commissioner Paul Vane expressed interest in take the chair, as long as they find a replacement for him in the Data Sharing Working Group.
	* It was agreed that Jersey data authority Paul Vane would chair the Reference Panel, as for the matter of the working group, it will be submitted to a vote of the working group itself.
2. **Update report of the Funding Secretariat by the National Privacy Commission of the Philippines.**
	* The Philippines reported a financial statement, announcing the total collection of membership fees. They urged the members to settle their fees before the deadline on December 31, 2024. There has been a 6% increase in membership fee payments this month, although most of the payments come from high-tier members. Meanwhile, mid-tier members are catching up with steady improvement in payment submissions, but low-tier members still show a lower payment rate.
	* It was also reported the difficulties encountered by some authorities with regard to the payments, including limited resources or budget problems. The fee-funded Secretariat waits for further instructions on how to attend properly these issues.
	* The fee-funded Secretariat also notes the difficulties with bank transfers that they are having, for which they are proposing new alternatives that they hope to implement next month.
	* Commissioner Josefina offered her support for the transition process of the secretariat, and SecretariatHaroldo Sanchez pointed out that these difficulties should be reported directly to the Executive Committee.
3. **AOB**
	* Commissioner Haksoo Ko informed the next dates of the 47th GPA Conference, which will take place on September 16-19th, 2025. Commissioner Alexander White added that the IAPP, who are hosting the AI Governance Global event in Boston on a similar date, should be considered. Commissioner Haksoo Ko will take this into account and will try to contact the IAPP. There were no objections. And these dates were approved.
	* Commissioner Josefina Román Vergara proposed a hybrid voting mechanism for General Privacy Assembly (GPA) resolutions, combining in-person and electronic voting. The electronic format was successfully implemented during the Mexican edition of the GPA in 2020. The Executive Committee agreed to implement this hybrid modality for the next closed session.