



87th Meeting of the GPA Executive Committee June 02, 2025

Attendees:

Chair:	Kristina Radkova, in representation of Chairperson Borislav Bozhinov, Bulgarian Commission for Personal Data Protection
Morocco:	Souhaila Chaoui, in representation of President Commissioner Omar Seghrouchni
Jersey:	Paul Vane, Commissioner
Korea:	Haksoo Ko, Chairperson
Dubai:	Lori Baker, Vice President – Data Protection & Regulatory Compliance
South Africa:	Pansy Tlakula, Chairperson
Secretariat:	National Privacy Commission

Item 1: Welcome and Scene-Setter

The Secretariat, on behalf of the GPA Chair - Bulgarian Commission for Personal Data Protection, presided over the 87th Meeting of the GPA Executive Committee (ExCo). The Secretariat welcomed the members present and confirmed the existence of a quorum.

Thereafter, the Secretariat presented the agenda for the 87th Meeting for any additional matters from the members and inquired as to whether they have any comments on the Minutes of the 86th Meeting. None of the members raised any issue.

There being no concerns from the members, the Minutes of the 86th ExCo Meeting and the agenda for the 87th Meeting were adopted.

Item 2: Updates on the GPA Conference 2025

The Personal Information Protection Commission (PIPC) of Korea provided an update in relation to its preparations for the upcoming 47th GPA Annual Meeting in Seoul:

- PIPC presented the Open Session Program which was developed in consultation with both domestic and international advisory committees. The

program will feature panel discussions, keynote speeches, and parallel sessions.

- The registration fees have been calculated based on the average fees from the past GPA Meetings while the low tier fees have been set to a more reduced rate to increase broader participation.
- The 10% early bird discount will only apply until 31 July 2025.
- In terms of regional representation, Chairperson Haksoo Ko mentioned that they are still seeking for possible speakers from other geographic regions such as Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Item 3: Closed Session Program for the 47th Assembly

The Secretariat presented the draft Closed Session Program for the 47th Assembly where members provided their comments and inputs as to the contents and duration of the sessions.

Item 4: Updates on GPA Awards and Applications for the 49th Assembly (2027 Conference)

The Secretariat explained that the Giovanni Buttarelli Award launched on 02 May 2025 has its original deadline set on 06 June 2025 while the GPA Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards launched on 08 May 2025 has a deadline of 16 June 2025.

As to the open call for applications to host the 49th GPA Assembly in 2027, it was issued on 24 April 2025 with a deadline of 30 May 2025.

Nonetheless, to provide members with additional time to prepare their submissions and allow for broader participation and encourage the submission of high-quality entries, the Secretariat proposed the following extensions:

- Giovanni Buttarelli Award – extended to 28 June 2025
- GPA Awards – extended to 30 June 2025
- Applications to host the 2027 Assembly – extended to 13 June 2025

Chairperson Ko inquired as to the number of nominations received as of date. The Secretariat provided updates.

In relation to applications to host the 49th GPA Assembly in 2027, the Secretariat mentioned that there may be concerns as to the applicants.

Furthermore, Chairperson Ko asked how information regarding the extension would be disseminated. In response, the Secretariat explained that it will remind the members and post the same on the GPA website and its other social media platforms.

Having no other comments from the members, the proposal to extend the deadlines as detailed above are therefore adopted.

Item 5: Executive Committee Members for Election

The Secretariat discussed that there are two upcoming vacancies in the ExCo which will be filled during the Closed Session of the Assembly. In line with this, the Secretariat proposed an election timeline.

Chairperson Pansy Tlakula inquired as to the term of South Africa as ExCo member. The Secretariat explained that based on the GPA Rules of Procedure, ExCo members have a term of two years and shall be entitled to another two years should they wish to retain the position.

Following this, the Secretariat clarified that the two vacancies pertain to the National Commission for the Protection of Personal Data Protection of Morocco and the National Institute for Transparency, Access to Information, and Personal Data Protection of México.

Chairperson Ko emphasized that during the Closed Session of the GPA, new members of the ExCo and the Chair will be determined. Thus, he stated that the proposed timeline should be modified. The Secretariat noted this and will send a revised timeline for the ExCo's consideration.

Item 6: Reference Panel

The Secretariat discussed that as agreed during the last ExCo meeting, the Chairperson of the Reference Panel, Commissioner Paul Vane, reached out to the members of the Reference Panel to confirm their willingness to extend their term for one year.

In line with this, a Call for Expression of Interest to the GPA Reference Panel has been drafted, with the deadline for submission of nominations on 26 September 2025. Moreover, the GPA Reference Panel Assessment Guidelines have also been prepared.

The announcement of the new Reference Panel will be in February 2026.

Item 7: Updates on the SDSC

Lori Baker, Chair of the Strategic Direction Sub-Committee (SDSC), stated that they have arranged the Working Group Chairs' call for this Thursday and they will provide stock take reports and plans thereafter.

Item 8: Financial Report of the NPC-GPA Fee-funded Secretariat

The Secretariat presented updates on the status of collections for calendar year 2025 invoices and the summary of the approved budget utilization as of 30 May 2025.

Item 9: AOB

No additional matters were raised. The meeting was adjourned.