**GeSI Board Call**

**26th October 2022 at 1300-1400 CET**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

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| **DATE** | 26th October 2022 at 1 pm CET to 2 pm CET |
| **TYPE** | Meeting |
| **PARTICIPANTS** |

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| **GeSI Board:** | **Additional participants:** |
| Iris LiuJames GowenChad WilkersonBrad JohnsonPeter AndersenShannon CarrollAlessandro GropelliMelanie Kubin-HardewigVictor H. ChenMichael Kuhndt**Apologies:**Malcolm JohnsonChristy Ditchburn | Taiwan MobileVerizonT-MobileSuperior EssexTDC NETAT&TETNODeutsche TelekomHuaweiCSCPITUTelstra | Kaoru InoueSherry LinVarnika SrivastavaMario Castro-GrandeDylan MayerAnna Bevan |

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| **Agenda** | 1. Approval of last call minutes and meeting agenda
2. Board Meeting and General Assembly
3. GeSI at COP27
4. Any other business
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| **1. Approval of last call minutes and meeting agenda** | Minutes and agenda have been approved. |
| **2. Board Meeting and General Assembly** |  The next board meeting (5th December 2022) and GA (6th December 2022) will be held in Washington DC and will be hosted by Verizon. GA and Board meeting websites are live and have relevant information for attendees.Topics of discussion for new strategic direction of GeSI have to be discussed in-depth in the US:* broadening the membership with like-minded organisations beyond ICT sector
* Advertising more tangible benefits for potential GeSI members so that they want to join along with a more action-oriented plan for WGs
* Increase in investment in staffing, to grow membership, there should be differentiated membership fees
* Given inflation, differentiation between funding sources should be reflected in the strategy, and GeSI should look more into public funding, like by the EU
* GeSI also needs to consider if it needs to increase membership fees, since some members might be opposed to that

There is a possibility to include industry associations from USA in the GA, like CTIA, AKAMAI, Comcast, Rakuten, US Telecom, SEC. Verizon is also contacting potential speakers from the White House. |
| **3. GeSI at COP27** |  GeSI has two sessions at COP27 on 10 November 2022 at the UNFCCC Global Innovation Hub (UGIH) Blue Zone. |
| **4. Any other business** | Members are encouraged to provide information on their Proxy votes if they cannot attend the GA in person. The November board meeting has been cancelled. |
| **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS – italicised marks action completed** | N/A |