

# 20th Global eduroam Governance Committee Meeting

**Date: 12:00 - 13:30 CEST on Thursday 21st May 2015**

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**NB:** The notes below are used in the preparation of the meeting minutes. The authoritative minutes are on the GeGC wiki space <https://wiki.geant.org/display/GeGC/Meetings>

## Members:

Scott Armitage, Paul Dekkers, Samia El Haddouti, Hideaki Goto, Alejandro Lara, Miroslav Milinović, Simeon Miteff, Leandro Marcos de Oliveira Guimaraes, Chris Phillips, Philippe Hanset, Neil Witheridge.

**Appointed Representatives:** Brook Schofield (Secretary), Klaas Wierenga (Technical Expert), Valentino Cavalli (Deputy TERENA Secretary General), Nicole Harris (Secretary of TF-MNM), Stefan Winter (Technical Expert).

## Attendees:

Scott Armitage, Paul Dekkers, Samia El Haddouti, Hideaki Goto, ~~Alejandro Lara~~, Miroslav Milinović, Simeon Miteff, Leandro Marcos de Oliveira Guimaraes, Chris Phillips, Philippe Hanset, Neil Witheridge, Brook Schofield (Secretary), Nicole Harris (Secretary of TF-MNM).

## Apologies:

None

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## Agenda Details

# 1. Welcome to 3rd Term & History of the GeGC

Brook Schofield as the Secretary welcomed everyone to the GeGC and provided a short explanation of the history of the group - and its tradition in the renewal of the committee he will chair until such time that there is a chair appointed.

## 2. Selection of a Chair

The 3rd term of the GeGC is without a chair and the 1st meeting will be co-ordinated by the Secretary. This item will call for a nomination for a chair and once consensus is reached will be confirmed. The chair has the option to take over the meeting from this point forward. Brook Schofield invited nominations and the following was agreed:

Nominees:

- Chris Phillips: nominated by Paul Dekkers and Scott Armitage.

It was agreed that Chris Phillips will become the chair of the 3rd term of the GeGC.

[**ACTION**] Secretary to communicate the selection of a chair to GÉANT.

## 3. GeGC Terms of Reference

Toward the end of the 2nd term of GeGC it was apparent that the original Terms of Reference of the GeGC didn't provide for the forward progression of the committee. Furthermore the select of new GeGC members representing world regions wasn't without its problems.

Nicole provided a summary of the improvements to Terms of Reference that she has outlined:

3.1 There are some areas within the Terms of Reference that are ill defined:

[https://www.eduroam.org/downloads/docs/TSec\(10\)015-GlobaleduroamGovernance-ConsensusVersion.pdf](https://www.eduroam.org/downloads/docs/TSec(10)015-GlobaleduroamGovernance-ConsensusVersion.pdf) available as an editable version at <http://goo.gl/6y0DX6> additionally Nicole has circulated an updated ToR to the mailing list.

3.2 What changes do we need to better enable the GeGC to govern eduroam globally? Some of the open concerns already expressed by members are documented on the wiki:

<https://wiki.geant.org/display/GeGC/Open+Issues+for+GeGC+Charter+discussion>.

There is an outstanding issue as to whether operators must be assigned to a region at the point where we accept the compliance statement.

3.3 What other areas should the GeGC care about? Is the current compliance statement up to date? Do we need a greater focus on operational best practice? How do we get involved with "other sector" issues (e.g. govroam)?

The GeGC decided not to tackle the refresh of the GeGC Terms of Reference in this instant - but instead to focus on two areas in the lead up to the next meeting:

1. Definition of a Confederation

## 2. Regional Representation

**[ACTION]** Define what a confederation is using previous GeGC work. Chris Phillips, Leandro, Neil Witheridge and Miro Milinovic will lead on this.

**[ACTION]** Define how the GeGC assigns people to represent region and roaming operators to belong to that region for the purposes of being represented on the GeGC. Scott Armitage, Brook Schofield and Paul Dekkers agreed to work on this.

## 4. Recognition of the Compliance Statements

A list of current and potential Roaming Operators (ROs) is available at:

<https://confluence.terena.org/display/GeGC/eduroam+Roaming+Operators>

Compliance Statements have been/were received from the following territory:

- China - CSTNET (.cn)
- Qatar - Qatar National Library (part of Qatar Foundation) (.qa)
- United Arab Emirates (UAE) - Ankabut (.ae)

These will be territories 72, 73 and 74 to be recognised as an eduroam Roaming Operators.

Neil stated that he had drafted a Confederation Policy for the APAN region and that he hopes that this will develop over time. Currently there is a TEIN\*CC funded project to support 5 further territories in the Asia/Pac region to join eduroam.

Chris stated that new RO entrants might be confused by the concept of aligning to a “world region” or a “confederation” and there should be support via a “member at large” position on the GeGC to support these entrants until it is clear how they are aligned. This could be supported by a project that already has some overall responsibility for the uptake of eduroam in new countries such as MAGIC.

**[ACTION]** Secretary to ratify the GeGC decision with GÉANT. The ROs will be asked to align themselves to an existing “region” and if they can’t make that decision they can align with a GeGC representative to support them until the RO does make a decision.

At the 19th meeting we recognised the new NREN, TTRENT, will be supporting the University of the West Indies as a roaming operator. It was the 1st RO in the Caribbean. At that point in time we did not align TTRENT with a world region. TTRENT did not apply to join the Latin American

configuration and they speak English. How should T&T be aligned for the purposes of GeGC world regions?

Four options for T&T:

1. Join the Latin American Confederation - T&T has declined this pathway.
2. Align with the existing North American Region.
3. Create a "Caribbean Region".
4. Create a "Homeless Region".

In light of the effort by the roaming operators for Canada, United States of America and Trinidad & Tobago to form a North American Confederation this topic will be parked with a view to be resolved via this parallel effort or by the 2nd meeting in 2017 ahead of the reappointment of the GeGC.

**[ACTION]** Ensure T&T are aligned to a World Region prior to the constitution of 4th GeGC Term.

## 5. Third Term Business

What are the burning issues that are important for the GeGC to tackle over the next 2 years?

The members were asked to think about topics that should be taken forward both with the GeGC Terms of Reference updated and within the wider context of eduroam.

## 6. Update from TF-MNM

Nicole provided an update on TF-MNM. Items to be discussed:

- The existing TF-MNM plan: <https://wiki.geant.org/display/PMF/TF-MNM>
- Should we get involved in govroam initiatives?

This will become a standing item of the GeGC meeting to improve communication between this Taskforce and Global activities of the GeGC.

## 7. Upcoming Meetings

The upcoming meeting schedule is available at <https://wiki.geant.org/display/GeGC/Meetings>  
Meetings of note are:

- June 18 - Annual Face-to-Face at [TNC15](#) - TBC (Thursday Afternoon)
  - Photo opportunity at TNC15 - a time will be selected.
- Scheduled for July 16 (A move to July 8/9 at or after TICAL2015) will be proposed

The selection of a meeting time is problematic because of the geographic spread of the GeGC and the fact that the [Time and Date List of Timezones](#) varies during the year.

The existing schedule of meetings will be adhered to where practicable.

## 8. AOB and Close

No topics were raised at this time because the meeting risked overrunning.

The meeting closed at 13:35 CEST.

## Summary of Action Items

Reference	Who	Action	Deadline
20-01	Brook	Communicate the selection of a chair to GÉANT.	
20-02	CP, LG, NW, MM	Define what a confederation is using previous GeGC work.	
20-03	SA, BS, PD	Define how the GeGC assigns people to represent region and roaming operators to belong to that region for the purposes of being represented on the GeGC.	
20-04	Brook	Secretary to ratify the GeGC decision with GÉANT. The ROs will be asked to align themselves to an existing “region” and if they can’t make that decision they can align with a GeGC representative to support them until the RO does make a decision.	
20-05	Brook	Ensure T&T are aligned to a World Region prior to the constitution of 4th GeGC Term.	Feb 2017
20-06	Brook	Scheduled 21st meeting. Publish Agenda and find a time for a photo opportunity.	6 June