



Next G Alliance

Policy Committee Report

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Policy Committee Leadership

- Chair **Micaela Giuhat**
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- ATIS Lead **Glenn Reynolds**
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Policy Committee Activities

- **June 10** – Initial Organizational Meeting
 - Adopted Charter
 - Initiated Discussion of Government Role in Next G Alliance
- **June 25** – Meeting to discuss Proposal for Government Agency Participation as Contributing Member
- **July 5** - Circulation of Alternative Language Limiting Voting and Leadership Rights

Government Role in Next G Alliance

- **Strong Consensus on Need for Meaningful Opportunity to Participate**
 - Growing USG-Generated Imperative for Participation in Advanced Technology Standards and Norms Processes
 - Partnership Strengthens North American Leadership Goals
 - Government as Key Customer
 - Access to Government Expertise and Resources
- **Balancing Government Engagement with NGA as Industry-Led Initiative**
 - Consensus that North American government agencies with relevant expertise should: (1) be allowed to join the NGA; and (2) participate in Working Group discussions; but (3) not be members of FMG or SG. To this extent, rights would be similar to Contributing Members under the current Operating Procedures.

Government Role in NGA – Remaining Questions

- **Should Government Agencies Members be granted voting and leadership rights within Working Groups, as provided current Contributing Members?**
 - Significant majority of commenting Committee members favors creation of a new Government Agency membership category WITHOUT the rights to vote or hold leadership positions in Working Groups, except as may be provided by the FMG for specific purposes.
- **Which government agencies are allowed to become members?**
 - Umbrella Agencies/Departments versus sub-agencies (DoD>Navy, Commerce>NIST, DHS>CISA,...)?
 - Limited to North American Federal/National agencies or also allow state/local/provincial governments? What criteria would be used to ensure non-Federal agencies add value?
 - Is there a need to clarify Operating Procedures to distinguish between agency research labs versus government contractors or government-funded private entities?
 - Should other qualifications be considered in granting membership or participation?

Government Role in NGA – Next Steps

- Distribute new proposed OP language to Committee Reflecting Direction Received via on-going E-mail Discussion
- Policy Committee to Consider and Vote on Final Recommendation
- Submit Recommendation to FMG by Week of 8/1 for Consideration at 8/23 Meeting or by E-Mail vote



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leadership in 6G and beyond*