

TSDSI Legal & IPR Committee – Terms of Reference

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Terms of Reference of the TSDSI GC Legal & IPR Standing Committee

Scope:

This standing committee is established to provide input on legal issues, including but not limited to those pertaining to TSDSI Partnership Agreements/MoUs and IPR principles, for consideration by the TSDSI Governing Council.

Objectives:

The Legal & IPR standing committee will provide feedback to the Governing Council on Legal & IPR matters referred to it by the Governing Council and/or the TSDSI Secretariat. This input may take the form of information or draft responses, but it will be the responsibility of the Governing Council to accept and/or act on this input.

The Legal and IPR Standing Committee shall specifically be responsible for:

1. Amendments to IPR Policy
2. Legal vetting and interpretations of all MoU's and Agreements to be signed by TSDSI and submitting recommendations to GC.
3. Legal review/drafting of artefacts related to Any Certifications / Accreditations undertaken by TSDSI
4. Review of any agreement signed by TSDSI if recommended by GC

Composition:

- The standing committee is comprised of members of the Governing Council only.
- Representatives of the TSDSI Secretariat shall participate in committee meetings.
- Legal counsel will be invited as experts to the Committee meeting.

Working Methods:

- Standing Committee meetings will be conducted electronically and in person as per requirement.
- Standing Committee meetings will be held at least once every quarter to review status and progress of activities.
- The standing committee will seek input from, provide guidance to, and report to the Governing Council.
- The standing committee will communicate and progress its activities via email and a shared document repository. An email group will be created for the same.
- Legal counsel(s) as appointed by the Secretariat will be invited as Expert(s) to the committee meetings as per requirement.
- The standing committee can on need basis, invite external experts / other members of GC/TSDSI for technical / end user inputs at the Co-Chair's discretion.
- The standing committee operates on a consensus basis, and, in the absence of reaching consensus, the standing committee shall inform the Governing Council that consensus could not be reached.
- Unless there is a specific need for expedited consideration of a matter by the standing committee, the standing committee shall generally afford participants with a minimum of seven business days to review matters.
- The calendar of meetings of the standing committee will be published on the website for member's reference.