

## ASI Board Meeting – Summary of Minutes for publication

**Date:** 15-18 September 2024

**Held:** Amsterdam, The Netherlands

### Antitrust Statement:

*Attendees were reminded that the ASI is committed to complying with all relevant antitrust and competition laws and regulations and, to that end, has adopted an Antitrust Policy, compliance with which is a condition of continued ASI participation. Failure to abide by these laws can potentially have extremely serious consequences for the ASI and its participants, including heavy fines and, in some jurisdictions, imprisonment for individuals. You are therefore asked to have due regard to this Policy today and indeed in respect of all other ASI activity.*

### ASI Ways of Working

*ASI is a multi-stakeholder organisation. Dialogue is at the heart of everything we do. It is critical to ensure that the organisation delivers on its mission. We welcome all participants and value the diversity of backgrounds, views and opinions represented in this meeting. We recognise that we have different opinions; that is the heart of healthy debate and leads to better outcomes. To ensure our meetings are successful, we need to express our views and hear the views of others in a respectful and professional way, protecting the dignity and safety of all participants and enabling full participation from all attendees.*

### Acknowledgement of Indigenous Peoples

*ASI acknowledges Indigenous Peoples and their connections to their traditional lands where we and our members operate. We aim to respect cultural heritage, customs and beliefs of all Indigenous people and we pay our respects to elders past and present.*

### Health and Safety

*ASI places a high priority on health and safety through the ASI Performance Standard, and likewise aims to ensure that our employees, contractors and participants work and meet safely. If you are travelling for this meeting, please consider health and safety risks, including from transport, illness, manual handling, slips and trips, personal safety and emergency situations. Let us know if you have any concerns or feedback.*

**Board:** Sasha Courville (Chair), Salman Abdulla, Raj Aseervatham, Catherine Athenes, Jan Boekelman, Gerald Rebitzer, Julia Batho (by proxy, and dial-in for one session).

**Apologies:** Matthias Esdar.

**ASI Secretariat:** Fiona Solomon (CEO), Mark Annandale (Director of Research and IPAF Adviser), Chris Bayliss (Climate Change and Decarbonisation Director), Chinelo Etiaba (COO and Membership Director), Cameron Jones (Director of Assurance and Risk), Chelsea Reinhardt (Director of Standards – Tues to Wed lunch), Jane Reeves (Governance Co-ordinator).

**Invited for meeting:** Dr Leopold von Carlowitz, Rights Resources Dialogue.

**Invited – Business roundtable (Tuesday 11h-13h):** invited participants from upstream, downstream and finance sector.

**Invited – Indigenous Peoples Advisory Forum (Wednesday 11h-13h):** IPAF Standards Committee members and observers.

**Invited Dial-in:** Billy Cheung (Digital Projects Manager) and Eunice Li (Technology Specialist); dialling in for 'Digital Technology' session, Tuesday 1530-1700h.

## Introduction and context

ASI publishes a summary of Board meetings and teleconferences in the interests of transparency.

The following principles are applied in preparing these summaries:

- Statements or perspectives are not attributed to individuals.
- The following matters are NOT included in the summary: personnel matters, financial approvals, small items, or sensitive, premature or evolving discussions.
- Board *decisions* are shared, but not the deliberations or decision-making processes that lead to them.
- Publishing the Board's decisions does not invite or open up debate about these decisions.
- The Board approves the summary before publication on the ASI website and via the monthly Members Update.

## Topics discussed at this Board meeting:

- Update on the regulatory environment
- Membership update and insights
- Assurance overview
- Risk Assessment update
- Beyond Certification update
- ASI Climate Action
- Business Roundtable: Supply Chain challenges and Decarbonisation Performance Metrics
- ASI Digital Projects and Cybersecurity
- Indigenous Peoples Advisory Forum (IPAF) update
- 2025 Strategy/Budget discussion.

## Outcomes and actions from this meeting:

- The Board discussed the evolving landscape for voluntary standards systems like ASI, including the growing range of regulatory and customer expectations.
- The Board considered ASI's value propositions across its diverse multi-stakeholder membership.
- The Board provided feedback on and suggested improvements to a new risk-based assurance framework for ASI, and participated in a scenario exercise.
- The Board considered a proposal to formalise additional member contributions to projects that support Beyond Certification activities.
- The Board agreed that the Standards Committee should provide recommendations / options for a possible pathway to manage non-conformance against ASI's 1.5 degree approach.

- The Board agreed that options for new product-level carbon footprint claims should be further considered, as part of the lead up to the 2027 standards revision.
- A business roundtable was convened and discussed the role of ASI in supply chain due diligence and decarbonisation efforts.
- The Indigenous Peoples Advisory Forum (IPAF) representatives participating in the Standards Committee meetings held a valuable engagement session with the Board.
- The Board approved the V13 ASI Risk Assessment and Management Plan
- The draft 2025 Strategy was discussed, with the final draft and 2025 budget to be shared with the Board for review and approval at the next meeting.