

Minutes

5 June 2024, online meeting
13:00 – 15:30 CEST

First GRVA Workshop on ADS

I. Introduction and opening

1. The first GRVA workshop on ADS was organized in accordance with WP.29-191-31 and with ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRVA/18, Annex III (based on GRVA-18-41/Rev.2). It was chaired by Mr. R. Damm (GRVA Chair), Ms. C. Chen (GRVA Vice-Chair) and Mr. T. Naono (GRVA Vice-Chair). It was hosted from Geneva as an online meeting. 100 participants participated from Australia, Canada, China, EC, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Russian Federation, UK and the United States of America, as well as from the following NGOs: AAPC, AVERE, CEMA, CITA, CLEPA, ETRTO, ETSC, EUROMOT, FIA, GTB, ICEED, ITU, OICA, SAE International, SAFE. Two participants from Transpolis and Woven Planet attended as observers without accreditation.

II. Agenda

2. The group adopted the agenda prepared for the workshop (GRVA-WS01-01).

III. General introduction

3. The Chair of GRVA recalled the structure established by WP.29 in order to draft a UN Regulation and a UN GTR on ADS based on a single IWG on ADS supported by GRVA workshops on ADS. He recalled the purpose of the GRVA Workshops on ADS and mentioned the 3 tasks expected from the workshops. He explained that an essential difference between the activities of the workshop and those of the IWG on ADS was due to the fact that the IWG on ADS had the clear task to derive its work from the guideline (GRVA-18-50).

4. The GRVA leaders explained that the Workshop would provide the IWG with provisions and annexes developed in Task 1 and 2, liaise with IWG on ADS for the work on Task 3 and monitor the progress of work to develop the UN R and UN GTR. They referred to informal document WP.29-191-31 and with ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRVA/18, Annex III (based on GRVA-18-41/Rev.2) for more details.

5. They presented a proposal for a structural framework developed on the basis of ADS-01-03 and sought for volunteers who would lead the work on one of the parts described in para. 6 below, organize meetings of experts to draft the section, identify and report on issues or concerns associated with the task, liaise with other teams to ensure coordination between sections, and deliver documents to the secretariat in time for review by the workshop leadership prior to meetings and deadlines. They clarified that the volunteers would work on drafting, conducting research, editing, and preparing reports as necessary.

6. The participants reviewed the structure derived from ADS-01-03 focusing on seven topics: 1. Statement of technical rationale, 2. UN GTR Appendix, 3. Benefits and Costs, 4. Application [for approval], 5. Approval, 6. Standard provisions on extension, COP, discontinued productions and Technical services related provisions, 7. Guiding/Interpretation document.

7. The Workshop called for volunteers for the seven points and noted the following volunteers / Focal Point / Officer of Principle Interest:

IV. Organisational matters

8. The Vice Chair of GRVA (Mr. Naono) described the organizational matters as listed in GRVA-WS01-02 slide 9, mentioning the number of expected workshops per year, the leadership of the Workshops, the ambassadors of the IWG on ADS and the secretariat composition.

9. The Workshop discussed the timeline consideration and next steps. The group agreed to identify the name of each of the seven volunteers and their supports and to produce drafts as appropriate and feasible before 23 August 2024.

V. Next workshops

10. The group discussed the next 2 workshops scheduled until end of 2024.

11. The Workshop noted that the next Workshop would take place in Beijing, China (10-11 September 2024) and that the Vice Chair (China) would provide further details.

VI. Any other business

12. No element or document was discussed under this agenda item.
