

eduGAIN Policy Framework: Declaration

The Federation named below (“the Federation”) hereby declares, in respect of other federations participating in eduGAIN as listed on the eduGAIN website (“the Participating Federations”) that it wishes to participate in eduGAIN, and that it will comply with the eduGAIN Policy Framework, and that:

1. It will publish technical descriptions of networked computers that act as AAI endpoints (for example to provide the functions of identity provider, attribute provider or service provider) (“the Entities”) which have been validated for use in the Federation according to its normal operational standards. These descriptions will be treated as non-confidential.
2. It will make some or all Entity descriptions provided to eduGAIN by other Participating Federations available to Members¹ of the Federation, who may make use of them at their own discretion to establish trusted communications between Entities.
3. It will promptly publish any subsequent changes to Entity descriptions previously published.
4. It will inform the eduGAIN Operational Team promptly of any changes affecting either the validation of Entities or the process for publishing Entity descriptions.
5. It will provide such assistance to other Participating Federations as they may reasonably request concerning the publication or use of Entity Descriptions.
6. It will provide the eduGAIN Operational Team on request with such documentation or agreements as necessary to clarify the Federation's registration procedures and thus the levels of trust which may be placed in the Federation's registered metadata.
7. The behaviour of any Member of any Participating Federation whose Entity description is published shall continue to be bound only by the rules of that Participating Federation.
8. In particular any complaint about a Member shall be made to the operator of its Participating Federation and dealt with between that Member and that operator according to the rules of that Participating Federation and subject only to that Participating Federation’s governing law and jurisdiction.
9. Neither the existence of this declaration, nor the exchange of information enabled by it, shall create any new legal obligations or rights between Members or operators of any federation. Members and operators remain bound only by their own respective laws and jurisdictions.
10. In particular this declaration creates no rights of membership, nor of access to services, between Members of any federation.

¹ Throughout the eduGAIN Policy Framework, the term Member refers to any organisation that has signed an agreement with a federation operator to cover the registration, verification and publication of Entity descriptions. This may include organisations referred to as Members, Participants or otherwise by those federation operators.

11. Any disagreement between Participating Federations shall be resolved by discussion between the respective Participating Federations or their successors and assigns.

12. No financial consideration will be expected between the Federation and other Participating Federations as federation operators and any financial consideration between Members or Members and operators is outside the scope of this declaration.

13. It will, in the event that it no longer wishes to participate in eduGAIN, give timely advance notice to the eduGAIN Operational Team in accordance with the eduGAIN constitution.

In case of translations, the authoritative version of this Declaration shall remain the version in English.

Should any provision of this Declaration be found invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, this will not affect the validity, legality or enforceability of any other provision. The Federation agrees to replace any such provision with a provision having substantially the same effect but which is not invalid, illegal or unenforceable.

Signed on behalf of

Hong Kong Access Federation (HKAF) (the Federation)

on 18 July 2017 (Date)

by  (Signature)

SAMUEL KWAN (Dr.) (the name in capital letters)
Director

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