CLA Law Tech & Innovation
Terms of Reference

Mission Statement

"To be responsible for standards, programs and activities to promote and encourage innovation and optimize new technologies for the legal industry by promoting collaboration between different CLA members and other stakeholders within the legal system."

Other guiding principles/aims

- Generate discussion on the subject of the committee.
- Foster connections and partnerships for the development of CLA work in the respective subject (projects)
- Champion CLA for the growth of membership
- Make speaker recommendations to the CLC Papers Committee
- Seek to implement the CLA's Diversity & Inclusion policy
- Seek to promote ESG within the legal industry with the use of technology
- Seek to promote innovation within ethical standards in the legal industry
- Plan and implement webinars and in person events that will enhance the value offering of the CLA, including income generation. Consideration will need to be given to identifying target audience, speakers and a point person to work with the Secretariat who will assist with scheduling (with regard to the activities of other CLA Hubs and Committees) hosting on Zoom and marketing.

Co-option and new members

Initially committees will include Council, ExCo and YCLA. After four meetings and based on the need for partnership working and specialist expertise to support the work, others will be co-opted.

Administration of the Committees

- ➢ The group secretary will be responsible for reporting and minute taking procedures and be point person to liaise with the Secretariat for diary planning, record keeping and circulation of documents.
- ➢ Meetings will be held monthly
- ➢ Members are required to be in good standing with the Association unless they represent a partner organisation (ie. NGO and Commonwealth accredited organisation partners, non-lawyers)

Possible Partnerships

- Commonwealth Secretariat (eg Innovation Hub, Peace & Governance Directorate through offices of OCCJR and RoL)
- Other Commonwealth bodies (eg Technology and Innovation)
- Legal professional bodies
- Other information networks and NGOs
- Universities

- For webinars and in-person events: the Committee members will need to identify their target audience, speakers and a point person to work with the Secretariat who will assist with scheduling (with regard to the activities of other CLA Hubs and Committees) hosting on Zoom and marketing. For online events please allow at least six weeks from submission of all data (dates, times, speakers bios etc) to the event to give time for successful marketing strategies.

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