**Global Forum Assembly (GFA) Chair**

**Annual Report**

**April 2023-2024**

Per Section 4.2(i)(d) of the Global CBPR Forum Terms of Reference, the GFA Chair must draft an annual report on the GFA’s accomplishments and progress for endorsement by the GFA.

On June 30, 2023, the GFA endorsed an Annual Work Program which set forth three strategic goals: 1) establish and operationalize the Global CBPR and Privacy Recognition for Processor (PRP) Systems; 2) promote membership and participation in the Global CBPR Forum; and 3) continue to develop and enhance Forum operations and activities. The following is a report on the GFA’s accomplishments and progress on each of the three goals.

1. **Establish and operationalize the Global CBPR and Privacy Recognition for Processor (PRP) Systems**

On October 16, 2023, the Forum established the [Global Cooperation Arrangement for Privacy Enforcement (CAPE)](https://www.globalcbpr.org/wp-content/uploads/Global-CAPE-2023.pdf), and on April 30, 2024, the Forum announced the first new members to join the CAPE: the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Bermuda, the Office of the Commissioner of Data Protection of the Dubai International Financial Center Authority, and the UK Information Commissioner’s Office.

On April 30, the Forum also announced the establishment of the Global CBPR and Global PRP Systems with the appointment of Accountability Agents and publication of the Systems documents.

The GFA endorsed recognition of all eight APEC-recognized Accountability Agents to operate in these jurisdictions:

* Japan: Japan Institute for Promotion of Digital Economy and Community
* Korea: [Korea Internet Security Agency](http://cbpr.kisa.or.kr/)
* Singapore: Infocomm Media Development Authority
* Chinese Taipei: [Institute for Information Industry](https://www.tpipas.org.tw/model.aspx?no=310)
* United States: [BBB National Programs](https://bbbprograms.org/programs/all-programs/GlobalPrivacyDivision), NCC Group, [Schellman](https://www.schellman.com/services/privacy-assessments), TRUSTArc

The Global CBPR and Global PRP System documents are:

* The Global CBPR and Global PRP Systems Policies, Rules and Guidelines describes the Global CBPR and Global PRP Systems, their core elements, governance structure and the roles and responsibilities of certified organizations, Forum-recognized Accountability Agents, Privacy Enforcement Authorities, and Forum Members.
* The Global CBPR Forum Accountability Agent Application sets forth the process and criteria for an organization seeking recognition as an Accountability Agent under the Global CBPR Forum. Forum-recognized Accountability Agents will be able to certify organizations as Global CBPR and/or Global PRP-compliant.
* The Global CBPR System Program Requirements Map and Intake Questionnaire set forth the requirements of the Global CBPR System which Forum-recognized Accountability Agents will use to assess organizations seeking certification under the Global CBPR System.
* The Global PRP System Program Requirements Map and Intake Questionnaire set forth the requirements of the Global PRP System which Forum-recognized Accountability Agents will use to assess organizations seeking certification under the Global PRP System.

The Forum developed a timeline for operationalizing the Systems, with a target of summer 2024 for Accountability Agents to start issuing Global CBPR and Global PRP certifications.

1. **Promote membership and participation in the Global CBPR Forum**

On June 3, 2023, the Forum welcomed the United Kingdom (UK) as the first Associate and new participant in the Forum.

In April and October 2023, the Forum hosted two multilateral Global CBPR Forum workshops, which included participation by representatives from thirty-eight (38) jurisdictions from all regions.

The Membership Committee also consulted individually with seven (7) jurisdictions from the Asia-Pacific, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas interested in joining the Forum.

Members also jointly and independently promoted the Forum in various privacy and trade-related events.

1. **Continue to develop and enhance Forum operations and activities**

From April 2023-2024, the GFA held eighteen (18) virtual meetings and seven and a half (7.5) days of hybrid meetings. All three Forum Committees also met throughout the year to perform the tasks outlined in the Terms of Reference and reported regularly to the GFA.

In addition to establishing the Global CBPR and Global PRP Systems as described above, the GFA developed procedures for operationalizing the Systems, worked to develop the certification trademarks, and discussed protocols for Associates and other stakeholders participating in Forum activities and criteria and procedures for a jurisdiction to join the Forum as a Member.

The Comms Committee also continues to develop brand recognition for the Global CBPR Forum, including through updating the Forum’s website (https://www.globalcbpr.org) and creating other publicity materials.

The GFA promoted transparency and accountability on Forum activities by publishing Forum documents and news updates on the Forum’s website, and the GFA Chair and Members regularly participate in and report on Forum activities at privacy conferences and other engagements.