

Global Forum Assembly (GFA) Chair

Annual Report

April 2025-2026

Per Section 4.2(i)(d) of the Global Cross-Border Privacy Rules (CBPR) Forum Terms of Reference, the GFA Chair drafts an annual report on the GFA's accomplishments and progress for endorsement by the GFA.

On May 28, 2025, the GFA endorsed an Annual Work Program which set forth five strategic goals: 1) increase and formalize active multistakeholder participation in Forum activities; 2) increase the number of organizations certified to the Global CBPR and PRP Systems; 3) finalize and implement updates to the Global CBPR System Program Requirements; 4) expand the number of jurisdictions participating in the Global CBPR Forum; and 5) solidify resources to support the Forum's operations. The following is a report on the GFA's accomplishments and progress on these goals.

1) Increase and Formalize Active Multistakeholder Participation in Forum Activities

Between May 2025 and April 2026, the Forum hosted three multistakeholder workshops, with participation from companies, trade associations, lawyers, academics and other privacy experts. The workshops included presentations, panels and small group discussions where non-government participants provided input on Forum activities. In May 2026, the Forum launched a public Blog on the Forum website, inviting submissions from individuals on topics relevant to the Forum and its audience.

2) Increase the Number of Organizations Certified to the Global CBPR and PRP Systems

On June 9, 2025, the Forum launched the Global CBPR and PRP Systems, with approximately 100 certified companies covering over 2000 entities, and in the first nine months, company participation grew by 30%.

The Forum also expanded the number of Accountability Agents by approving a new Accountability Agent for the United States and renewing approval of three existing Accountability Agents for additional two-year terms.

Forum Members, DIFC, Japan, Singapore, and Associate, Bermuda, also recognized the Global CBPR System as legal mechanisms for cross-border transfers, with Singapore also recognizing the Global PRP System, enhancing the value of certification for companies.

3) Finalize and Implement Updates to the Global CBPR System Program Requirements

On March 23, 2026, the Forum published updates to the Global CBPR Program Requirements (PRs) and announced that the updates would be in force as of April 1, 2027. With the updates, the Global CBPR certification is expanding from 50 PRs to 57 PRs and 3 PRs are being updated to increase accountability for processing sensitive and children's data, require procedures for risk

assessment and mitigation, require processes for breach notification, and enhance individuals' choice and organizational accountability.

4) Expand Number of Jurisdictions Participating in the Global CBPR Forum

In May, the Forum opened participation to new Members, and by October, the Forum welcomed DIFC as the first new Member. Nigeria joined as an Associate and the UK renewed its Associate status. The Global CAPE also welcomed the Office of the Personal Data Protection Committee of Thailand and the Information Regulator of South Africa.

The Forum and its Members continue to promote the Global CBPR Forum by hosting workshops and participating in other relevant conferences and events. During this period, 28 non-Member jurisdictions participated in Forum workshops, and the Forum Chair participated in international privacy events, including the Global Privacy Assembly and the Venice Privacy Symposium, among other activities.

5) Solidify Resources to Support the Forum's Operations

The Forum continues to operate through voluntary contributions by Members and Associates.