

Global CBPR Forum

Global Forum Assembly

Annual Work Program, through April 2024

On April 21, 2022, the Global Cross-Border Privacy Rules (CBPR) Forum was established to promote interoperability and help bridge different regulatory approaches to data protection and privacy. During the first year, Members focused on three primary objectives: 1) establishing the initial Forum governance structure and procedures, 2) establishing criteria and procedures for membership and participation in the Forum, and 3) promoting the Forum to jurisdictions and stakeholders.

On April 17, 2023, the Forum announced its leadership team and released a set of foundational documents: the Global CBPR Framework, the Terms of Reference (TOR), and the Template Letter of Intent for Associate Status. Among other things, the TOR established the Global Forum Assembly (GFA) as the Forum's policy-making and governing body and provided that the GFA should develop and implement an annual work program to set forth the Forum's strategic goals and objectives.

Building on the foundation established in 2022/2023, the GFA has identified three strategic goals to guide the Forum's work through April 2024.

Strategic Goals

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

A key objective of the Forum as set forth in the 2022 Global CBPR Declaration is to establish an international certification system based on the APEC CBPR and PRP Systems. This certification system will serve as an international data transfer tool, and form the central pillar of the Forum's work on promoting interoperability and bridging different regulatory approaches to data protection and privacy. The GFA seeks to establish the Global CBPR and Global PRP Systems and put in place the necessary elements to allow for the issuance of Global CBPR and Global PRP certifications by the end of 2023.

2. Promote membership and participation in the Global CBPR Forum

Another key Forum activity is promoting expansion of the Forum and uptake of the Global CBPR and Global PRP Systems. Having established criteria and procedures necessary for a jurisdiction to participate as an Associate, the GFA seeks to finalize criteria and procedures for a jurisdiction to join the Forum as a Member by the end of 2023. In addition, the GFA will issue guidance for participation in Forum activities by stakeholders to institutionalize active multistakeholder participation.

Following successful engagements which included three multilateral Global CBPR Forum workshops in April and November 2022 and April 2023, the Forum intends to host two multilateral Global CBPR Forum workshops, in Fall 2023 and Spring 2024, to engage jurisdictions and stakeholders. Members will endeavour to promote the Forum independently or jointly with other Members, Associates and stakeholders.

3. Continue to develop and enhance Forum operations and activities

The GFA will continue to develop governance policies to institutionalize multistakeholder participation, and to promote transparency and accountability.

In 2022/2023, the Forum adopted a governance structure which includes three Committees that are focused on key aspects of administering and promoting the Forum and the Global CBPR and Global PRP Systems – the Membership, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement (Comms), and Accountability Agent and Oversight and Engagement (AA) Committees. In 2023/2024, the GFA calls on all three Committees to develop operational procedures and strategies for performing the tasks outlined in the TOR, including with the following priorities:

- Membership Committee: increasing participation of Associates and Members in all regions;
- Comms Committee: developing brand recognition and raising awareness of the Forum globally; and
- AA Committee: coordinating with APEC-approved Accountability Agents as the Forum develops the Global CBPR and Global PRP Systems.

The GFA calls on all three Committees to submit their first biannual reports to the GFA Chair by the end of 2023.

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