

## Global CBPR Forum

### The Global Forum Assembly (GFA)

#### Annual Work Program, through April 2025

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. On June 30, 2023, the GFA adopted the first Annual Work Program which established three strategic goals: 1) to establish and operationalize the Global CBPR and Privacy Recognition for Processor (PRP) Systems, 2) promote membership and participate in the Global CBPR Forum, and 3) continue to develop and enhance Forum operations and activities. The GFA Chair's Annual Report, dated May 14, sets forth the GFA's accomplishments and progress on these goals.

Building on the work done since the establishment of the Forum, the GFA has identified three strategic goals to guide the Forum's work through April 2025. All Forum activities will be supported through voluntary Member contributions.

#### Strategic Goals

##### **1. Operationalize the Global CBPR and Global Privacy Recognition for Processor (PRP) Systems**

With the establishment of the Global CBPR and Global PRP Systems and the recognition of Accountability Agents on April 30, 2024, the GFA intends to finalize the technical implementation and work with Forum-recognized Accountability Agents to enable them to start issuing Global CBPR and Global PRP certifications to organizations in the summer of 2024. At that time, the GFA intends to recognize APEC-certified organizations as Global CBPR and/or Global PRP certified upon confirmation by those organizations.

##### **2. Update the Global CBPR and PRP Program Requirements**

The Global CBPR and the Global PRP Systems are based on the APEC CBPR and the APEC PRP Systems, which were established in 2011 and 2015 respectively. The GFA intends to review and update the Global CBPR and Global PRP Program Requirements as appropriate with the objective of enhancing the value of the Global CBPR and Global PRP certifications for individuals, organizations, privacy enforcement authorities (PEAs) and other stakeholders. The GFA will consult with Accountability Agents, certified organizations and other stakeholders to implement any updates adopted by the GFA.

##### **3. Promote participation in the Global CBPR Forum**

The GFA seeks to finalize and issue criteria and procedures for jurisdictions to join the Forum as Members. The GFA will also continue to promote Associate status to bring more jurisdictions into Forum discussions, create a pathway to Membership, and expand uptake of the Global CBPR and Global PRP Systems. The GFA intends to promote participation in the Global Cooperation Arrangement for Privacy

Enforcement (CAPE) by PEAs, noting that Global CAPE participation is not limited to PEAs of Global CBPR Forum Members or Associates. In addition, the GFA will continue to promote and support broad multistakeholder participation in Forum activities.

Following successful engagements over the past year, which included two multilateral, multistakeholder Global CBPR Forum workshops in October 2023 and May 2024, the Forum intends to host two multilateral, multistakeholder Global CBPR Forum workshops in fall 2024 and spring 2025, and explore opportunities to jointly promote the Forum with interested parties. Members are also encouraged to promote the Forum independently or jointly with other Members.