



TO: *CHAIR*, Global Forum Assembly, Global CBPR Forum
CC: *DEPUTY CHAIR*, Global Forum Assembly, Global CBPR Forum;
CHAIR, Membership Committee, Global Forum Assembly, Global CBPR Forum
DATE: 7 June 2024
RE: **LETTER OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE AS AN ASSOCIATE IN THE
GLOBAL CROSS-BORDER PRIVACY RULES (CBPR) FORUM**

I am writing this Letter of Intent to seek participation as an Associate in the Global CBPR Forum (“**Forum**”) on behalf of the Islands of Bermuda, pursuant to Annex A of the Global CBPR Forum Terms of Reference.

I confirm that:

- (a) Bermuda supports the principles and objectives of the Forum set forth in the 2022 Global CBPR Declaration and the Global CBPR Framework;
- (b) the enforcement of the Personal Information Protection Act 2016 of Bermuda has the effect of protecting personal information; and
- (c) the Privacy Commissioner for Bermuda is responsible for enforcing the Personal Information Protection Act 2016 of Bermuda, and has the powers to conduct investigations or pursue enforcement proceedings.

Please find a narrative description of the Personal Information Protection Act 2016 and the Privacy Commissioner for Bermuda attached to this letter ([Annex I](#)).

Any enquiries regarding this letter should be directed to Dr. Marisa Stones, PATI PIPA Unit, The Cabinet Office.

Kind Regards,

Vance Campbell
Minister of The Cabinet Office
Government of Bermuda

Annex I

PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT 2016 AND ITS ENFORCEMENT BY THE PRIVACY COMMISSIONER FOR BERMUDA

All residents of Bermuda have the right to informational privacy, or the right to protect their personal information. Many countries recognize this as an important human right and have developed laws to protect individuals' personal information. Bermuda has enshrined such rights with the passage of the Personal Information Protection Act 2016 (PIPA), which received Royal Assent on July 27, 2016 and will come into force on January 1, 2025.

The PIPA outlines the requirements for organisations that use personal information, as well as the rights that individuals have regarding the use of their personal information by organisations. This legislation, which follows international best practice, applies to all organisations, businesses and the government that use personal information in Bermuda. While organisations require the use of personal information to provide services, it is important that individuals also have control over their information and how it is used and shared. Privacy legislation is also critical in the digital age. It plays a major role in the development of a country's cybersecurity and artificial intelligence frameworks and is a key driver for a successful digital economy.

An independent Privacy Commissioner has been appointed to ensure compliance and that the purposes of the PIPA are being achieved. The mandate of the Privacy Commissioner is to regulate the use of personal information by organisations in a manner which recognizes both the need to protect the rights of individuals in relation to their personal information and the need for organisations to use personal information for legitimate purposes, among other duties.

The Privacy Commissioner's powers and responsibilities include monitoring the processing of personal information by both private- and public-sector organisations, investigating compliance with PIPA, issuing guidance and recommendations, liaising with other enforcement agencies, and advising on policies and legislation that affect privacy. The Office of the Privacy Commissioner also works to raise awareness and educate the public about privacy risks, and to protect people's rights and freedoms when their personal information is used. The general powers of the Privacy Commissioner are outlined in Article 29 of PIPA.

On 15 June 2023, the Government of Bermuda announced 1 January 2025 as the official date when the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) 2016, as amended, will be implemented.